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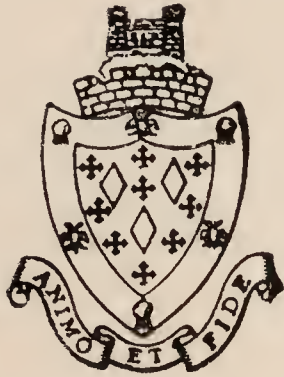
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ON THE  
**Health**  
OF THE  
**County Borough of Stockport**  
For the Year 1954.

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## County Borough of Stockport

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### HEALTH COMMITTEE

(As at 31st December, 1954)

*Chairman* : Councillor H. HOPE

*Vice-Chairman* : Councillor C. J. DOHERTY

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (Councillor J. W. BENNETT, J.P.)

Alderman H. PATTEN, O.B.E., M.A., J.P.

Councillor S. BOYLE

Councillor Mrs. C. S. GRANT

Councillor A. HODKINSON

Councillor Mrs. E. LITTLE

Councillor J. MARSDEN

Councillor S. SIDEBOTHAM

Councillor Mrs. M. WHITE

Councillor J. VESEY

Councillor A. WOOD

### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

*Chairman* : Councillor Mrs. M. WHITE

*Vice-Chairman* : Councillor Mrs. E. LITTLE

Alderman H. PATTEN, O.B.E., M.A., J.P.

Councillor S. BOYLE

Councillor Mrs. C. S. GRANT

Councillor A. HODKINSON

Councillor H. HOPE

Councillor C. J. DOHERTY

Councillor J. MARSDEN

Councillor S. SIDEBOTHAM

Councillor J. VESEY

Councillor A. WOOD

*Co-opted Members* :

Mrs. M. DIXON (Stockport Sick Poor Nursing Association)

Mrs. E. CLARKE (Heaton Mersey Nursing Association)

### STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, 1954

**Medical Officer of Health : Principal School Medical Officer :**

**Administrative Maternity and Child Welfare Officer :**

JOHN YULE, M.D., CH.B., D.P.H., F.R.SAN.I.

**Deputy Medical Officer of Health :**

ALEXANDER ROBERT MILLAR MOIR, M.D., CH.B., D.P.H.

**Assistant Medical Officers of Health and**

**Maternity and Child Welfare Officers :**

MARION WINIFRED DAVIES, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

MARJORIE WARD, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

**Assistant Medical Officers Maternity**

**and Child Welfare Centres (Part time)**

M. WILSON, M.B., CH.B.

M. I. H. ROBERTS, D.P.H., M.B., CH.B. (Commenced 7/5/54)

L. J. SEJRUP, M.B., CH.B. (Commenced 5/10/54)

M. L. CARTLEDGE, M.B., CH.B. (Resigned 31/3/54)

### SANITARY STAFF

**Chief Sanitary Inspector :**

F. WINDER, CERT.S.I.B., M.R.SAN.I., M.S.I.A. ‡\*†

**Deputy Chief Sanitary Inspector :**

H. HOWARD, CERT.S.I.B., M.R.SAN.I., M.S.I.A. ‡

**Senior District Inspectors :**

L. DAVIES, CERT.S.I.B., M.R.SAN.I., M.S.I.A. ‡\*

R. THOMPSON, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A. ‡



**Sanitary Inspectors :**

A. D. E. HARDING, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A. ‡  
 T. STOCKTON, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A.  
 G. W. TIPLADY, CERT.S.I.B., A.R.SAN.I., M.S.I.A. ‡  
 A. H. KIRKMAN, CERT.S.I.B., A.R.SAN.I., M.S.I.A. ‡ (Resigned 25/7/54)  
 L. W. PURVIS, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A. ‡  
 R. SHARP, CERT.S.I.B., M.R.SAN.I., M.S.I.A. ‡ (Resigned 15/5/54)  
 J. L. FEAR, CERT.S.I.B., A.R.SAN.I., M.S.I.A. ‡ (Resigned 18/7/54)  
 D. A. PAMPHILON, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A. ‡ (Resigned 31/7/54)  
 A. NEWTON, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A. ‡  
 A. JONES, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A., A.R.SAN.I. (Commenced 13/12/54)  
 N. THORPE, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A. (Commenced 4/10/54)

**Pupil Sanitary Inspectors :**

J. N. MARSHALL  
 G. E. HILL

**Housing Inspector :**

S. DERBYSHIRE, CERT.S.I.B., M.R.SAN.I., M.S.I.A. ‡

‡ Meat and Other Foods Certificate  
 ★ Smoke Certificate  
 † Sanitary Science

**Rodent Operatives :**

Foreman : J. AINSWORTH  
 (2 Operatives)

**MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE****Superintendent Health Visitor :**

MISS E. SNOWDON, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.

**Superintendent, Welfare Centres :**

MISS L. M. DREW, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.

**Health Visitors :**

MISS K. M. MCMAHON, M.B.E., S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.  
 MISS A. D. CLARK, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.  
 MRS. M. A. LEE, S.R.N.  
 MISS S. C. GRIFFITHS, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.  
 MISS E. D. BROOK, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.  
 MISS B. RICHARDSON, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.  
 MRS. G. ARMSTRONG, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT. (Resigned 17/5/54)  
 MISS V. BURTON, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.  
 MISS N. PRIESTLEY, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT. (Resigned 21/11/54)  
 MISS W. M. FEATHER, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT. (Resigned 15/12/54)  
 MISS D. HOWARTH, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.  
 \*MISS M. WALKER, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.F.N. (Commenced 2/8/54)  
 \*MISS K. M. OPENSHAW, S.R.N. (Commenced 27/9/54)  
 \*MRS. V. M. RAYNER, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT. (Commenced 2/8/54)  
 \* Student Health Visitors

**Physiotherapists :**

MRS. J. JACKSON  
 MISS J. P. DAVIE (part-time)

**Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives**

MISS D. A. CARTER, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N. \*

### **Municipal Midwives :**

MRS. N. WALKER, S.C.M., R.F.N.\* (Retired 27/9/54)  
 MISS H. F. TROTTER, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.\*  
 MISS E. WILKS, S.C.M.\* (Temporary)  
 MRS. E. E. BALDRY, S.C.M.\*  
 MRS. M. WHEELER, S.C.M.\*  
 MISS F. R. CLAYTON, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.\*  
 MRS. M. B. SEDDON, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.\*  
 MISS J. E. J. MAGUIRE, S.R.N., S.C.M.\*  
 MRS. I. M. MUNROE, S.R.N., S.C.M.\*  
 MRS. G. RODGERS, S.R.N., S.C.M.\*  
 MRS. S. A. PUGH, S.R.N., S.C.M.\*  
 MRS. K. DEERING, S.C.M.\* (Resigned 3/6/54)  
 MRS. M. FULLER, S.R.N., S.C.M.\* (Resigned 19/9/54)  
 MRS. D. JERONIMIDIS, S.R.N., S.C.M.\*  
 MRS. C. MOISLEY, S.R.N., S.C.M.\* (Commenced 10/5/54)  
 MISS I. G. ANWYL, S.R.N., S.C.M.\* (Commenced 23/8/54)  
 MRS. I. RIDGWAY, S.R.N., S.C.M.\* (Commenced 20/9/54)  
 MRS. I. Y. KEY, S.R.N., S.C.M.\* (Commenced 4/10/54)

\* Analgesic Certificate

### **Day Nurseries :**

#### **DAW BANK**

Matron : MRS. D. M. ENNIS, S.R.N. (Resigned 31/12/54)  
 Deputy Matron : MRS. M. T. BIRCH, S.R.N. (Resigned 30/1/54)  
 Staff Nurse : MISS B. A. BERTRAND, N.N.E.B.  
 (7 Nursing Staff, 2 Domestic Staff)

#### **WHITEHILL**

Matron : MRS. D. J. ALLEN, S.R.N.  
 Deputy Matron : MRS. J. MELLOR R.F.N.  
 (8 Nursing Staff, 3 Domestic Staff)

### **Domestic Help Service**

Organiser : MISS N. LINGARD  
 (8 Domestic Helps Full-time, 26 Part-time)

### **Home Nursing Service**

Superintendent : MISS V. M. FALLOWS, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.  
 Assistant Superintendent : MISS E. DAVIS, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT., Q.N.  
 (14 District Nurses Full-time, 3 Part-time)

### **Ambulance Service**

Superintendent : J. R. CHYNOWETH  
 (27 Driver/Attendants, 1 Telephonist)

### **Mental Health Service**

(Duly Authorised Officers)  
 F. SQUIRES (Retired 7/12/54)  
 H. HOLDEN  
 MRS. M. HINCHLIFFE  
 MRS. S. D. HANCOCK, Supervisor, Occupation Centre  
 (3 Assistant Supervisors)

**CLERICAL STAFF**

**Senior Administrative Assistant :**

G. CALVERT, F.C.C.S.

**Administrative Assistant :**

H. H. BIRTLES, A.C.C.S.

**General Health**

**Statistical Clerk :**

H. CLIFFE, A.C.I.S.

**Wages and Accounts Clerk :**

W. L. FOULKES

**Shorthand Typists :**

MISS E. W. JONES

MISS J. HULME (Resigned 17/10/54)

MRS. M. E. MULKERN (Commenced 8/11/54)

**Junior Clerks :**

MISS S. M. MOSS (Resigned 24/10/54)

MISS M. P. WILLIAMS

MISS N. WILD (Commenced 23/8/54)

MISS T. CANNALLY (Commenced 23/11/54)

**Office Girl :**

MISS G. M. LUNN (Resigned 20/6/54)

MISS V. GASH (Commenced 28/12/54)

**Maternity and Child Welfare**

**Senior Clerk :**

MISS H. M. HOBSON

**Clerks :**

MISS D. A. KNOWLES

MISS E. M. HOWARTH

MRS. J. M. CROFTS

MRS. J. VERNON

MRS. J. GAVIN (Resigned 26/12/54)

MRS. A. H. JEPSON (Commenced 14/6/54)

**Junior Clerk :**

MISS E. J. DAVIDSON (Resigned 31/10/54)

**SANITARY**

**Senior Clerk**

R. BARRETT

**Shorthand Typist :**

MISS N. TOYNE

**Junior Clerks :**

MISS M. S. WILSHAW

J. HINE (Resigned 18/7/54)

B. HAMER (Commenced 30/8/54)

**Public Analyst (Part-time) :**

TENNYSON HARRIS, P.H.C., F.C.I.S.



## To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of Stockport

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Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you the Report on the health of the Borough during the year 1954.

The low records of the various vital statistics have been maintained throughout the year, and are on the whole, extremely satisfactory. The birth rate was 14·3 compared with 15·3 for the previous year. The death rate was 12·4 compared with 14·5 for the previous year, and the infant death rate was 37·81 compared with 29·67 for the previous year.

The maternal mortality rate was 0·92 compared with 1·36 for the previous year. This means that there were two maternal deaths this year compared with three in the previous year.

The death rate from Zymotic diseases was 0·07 compared with 1·5 in the previous year.

The death rate from pulmonary tuberculosis was 0·08 compared with 0·16 in the previous year, and from other tubercular diseases 0·03 which is the same figure as the previous year. As was noted in last year's Report, there has been a marked reduction in the tuberculosis death rate, but an increase in the number of notifications received. This year compares favourably with last year, showing 99 notifications compared with 105 for the previous year.

The Ministry of Health approved the Stockport scheme for B.C.G. vaccination of 13-year-old school children, and this commenced in January. Of the 830 children tested, 19·3 per cent. were found to be natural positive reactors.

There was a reduction in the number of notifications of infectious diseases, 1,455 this year compared with 2,331 in 1953, and 2,417 in 1952. There were three cases of poliomyelitis, but all were discharged as cured. It is worthy of note that for the fourth year in succession no case of diphtheria occurred in the Borough. Diphtheria immunisation has been energetically maintained in the Borough. There have been no deaths from measles or whooping cough this year ; further indices of progress in public health as these used to be the two major killing diseases of childhood.

It is worthy of note that the number of deaths from cancer was 276 this year compared with 348 in the previous year.

It will be noted that the Health Committee has decided to join the Manchester Committee on Cancer and co-operate in the scheme for cancer education.

The Ambulance Service has continued to deal efficiently with all the demands made upon it, and the installation of Radio Communication has helped considerably to increase the efficiency of the Service and to reduce the dead mileage.

The maternity service continues to carry out blood tests on all women attending the ante-natal clinics. Valuable work has been undertaken by the Stepping Hill Pathological Laboratory Service and by the Regional Blood Bank. The investigations are considered to be well worth while and are justified by the findings.

The demand for the Home Nursing Service has expanded considerably over the past few years, and it is pleasing to report that in spite of this increase the service has been equal to that demand and has performed its duties efficiently, and is proving to be of immense value in this particular field of nursing.

Thanks are due to the Stockport Sick Poor Nursing Association which has continued to place its resources, both of equipment and financial assistance, at the disposal of the Home Nursing Service and its patients.

The distribution of Welfare Foods was taken over by the Local Authority from the Ministry of Food in June, and Welfare Foods are now distributed at all Welfare Centres, the Welfare Food Shop, and the W.V.S. Office.

The new Combined Clinic in the Brinnington Neighbourhood Unit is well on the way to completion and will be opened some time in the early autumn.

The work of the Mental Health Department continues to grow, especially in connection with care and aftercare. The Occupation Centre fulfils its functions admirably, but there is no doubt that it is totally inadequate to deal with the needs of the town. Land has been acquired in the Garner's Lane area on the south side of the town, and plans prepared for a new Centre to accommodate some 56 cases. When this Centre is completed it is hoped that we shall be able to meet all demands for places in an Occupation Centre.

The Co-ordinating Committee, as recommended by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and the Home Office, has met regularly throughout the year, and has proved a most useful medium for dealing with the many and varied problems which arise in connection with problem families.

A special committee of the Corporation was set up in May to consider the welfare of aged persons. This committee has recently reported on its work and made certain recommendations ; one of these is that a scientific survey into, and study of, the needs of elderly persons be undertaken in conjunction with the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine of Manchester University. It is hoped that as a result of this survey scientific evidence will be obtained on which future policy will be based.

Now that the Committee on Air Pollution, appointed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, the Secretary of State for Scotland, and the Minister of Fuel and Power, has issued its report, it is highly probable that general legislation for this purpose will be introduced at an early date.

Under the provisions of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, the Council are required to submit to the Minister its proposals for dealing with the houses in the Borough which appear to be unfit for



human habitation and liable for demolition. They are also required to submit estimates of the total number, and the period considered necessary to secure their demolition, together with the programme of action in relation to those houses over the next five years. A survey in the Borough has now been completed and the estimated total of dwelling houses unfit for human habitation is 6,000.

The Panel set up for the purpose of issuing Certificates of Disrepair considered 165 applications of which 154 were granted.

During the year the Council suffered a grievous loss by the death of Alderman J. E. Smith. Alderman Smith had taken a keen interest in all health matters during the 24 years he served with the Council.

Mr. A. Rowland, who had given loyal service to the Corporation over a period of 42 years, retired in August, 1953. He transferred to the Health Department in 1919 as Statistical Clerk and was appointed Chief Clerk in 1930, a position in which he rendered yeoman service to the Department until his retirement.

I wish to place on record my thanks to all Members of the Staff for their loyal service and response to all demands which have been made upon them.

I am deeply grateful to the various Committees for their consideration and encouragement at all times.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

J. YULE,

Medical Officer of Health.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
TOWN HALL, STOCKPORT.  
July, 1955.





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SECTION I.

**Statistics, Natural and Social Conditions  
of the Area**

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# COUNTY BOROUGH OF STOCKPORT

## SECTION I.

### Statistics, Natural and Social Conditions of the Area.

#### (a) STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

	Stockport	England and Wales	160 County Boroughs and Great Towns	160 Smaller Towns
Population (Census 1951) . . . . .	141,660	—	—	—
Estimated Civilian Population, Mid-year . .	141,200	—	—	—
Area in Acres . . . . .	8,439	—	—	—
Birth Rate per 1,000 . . . . .	14·8	15·22	16·82	15·4
Do. do. Adjusted for area comparability (1·03) . . . . .	15·24	—	—	—
Do. do. average for five years, 1949-1953 . .	15·23	—	—	—
Still-birth Rate per 1,000 population . . . .	0·41	0·34	0·44	0·35
Do. do. average for five years, 1949-1953 . .	0·35	—	—	—
General Death Rate per 1,000 . . . . .	12·40	11·32	12·05	11·30
Do. do. Adjusted for area comparability (1·01) . . . . .	12·52	—	—	—
Do. do. average for five years, 1949-1953 . .	13·62	—	—	—
Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Births . . . . .	37·81	25·5	29·15	23·77
Do. do. average for five years, 1949-1953 . .	35·18	—	—	—
Death Rate from Seven Principal Zymotic Diseases . . . . .	0·07	—	—	—
Death Rate from Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) per 1,000 . . . . .	0·08	—	—	—
Death Rate from all other Tubercular Dis- eases . . . . .	0·03	—	—	—

#### (b) STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) . . . . .	8,439
Registrar-General's estimate of resident civilian population, 1954 . . . . .	141,200
Number of inhabited houses (31st Dec., 1954) according to rate books, approx . . . . .	47,221
Rateable Value (April, 1954) . . . . .	£962,138
Sum represented by a penny rate (1953/54) . . . . .	£3,876

Extracts from vital statistics for the year :—

	Total	M.	F.	
Live Births: Legitimate	1,981	1,031	950	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the esti- mated resident population (141,200) 14·8.
Illegitimate	108	51	57	
Stillbirths . . . . .	58	27	31	Rate per 1,000 total births (live and stillbirths), 27·01.
Deaths . . . . .	1,751	892	859	Death Rate per 1,000 of the esti- mated resident population (141,200) 12·40.

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth :

	Rate per 1,000 total : (live and still) births	
From Haemorrhage of pregnancy . . . . .	1	0·46
Other complications . . . . .	1	0·46
Total . . . . .	2	0·92

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :

All Infants per 1,000 live births . . . . .	37·81
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births . . . . .	36·85
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births . . . . .	55·55
Deaths from Neoplasms (all ages) . . . . .	276
„ Measles (all ages) . . . . .	Nil
„ Whooping Cough (all ages) . . . . .	Nil
„ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) . . . . .	2



## (c) COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS

YEAR 1954

	<i>Birth Rate</i>	<i>Death Rate</i>	<i>Infant Mortality Rate</i>		<i>Death Rate from Phthisis</i>	<i>Death Rate from other Tub. Diseases</i>	<i>Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1000 Total Live and Still Births)</i>		
			<i>Year 1954</i>	<i>Average 5 years 1949-53</i>			<i>Maternal causes excluding abortion</i>	<i>Due to abortion</i>	<i>Total maternal mortality</i>
England and Wales . . . .	15.2	11.3	25.5	29	*	*	0.58	0.11	0.69
160 Great Towns . . . .	16.8	12.0	29.1	33	*	*	*	*	*
Birkenhead . .	17.7	12.7	28.5	34.8	0.16	0.02	0.37	..	0.37
Burnley . . . . .	14.86	13.76	31.46	36.62	0.17	0.024	..	..	..
Bury . . . . .	14.66	14.25	33.0	30.0	0.24	0.02	1.14	..	1.11
Halifax . . . . .	14.6	14.9	33.05	31.56	0.18	0.02	0.68	..	0.68
Liverpool . . . .	20.0	11.4	31.0	37.0	0.29	0.01	0.37	0.12	0.49
Manchester . .	16.94	12.20	29.47	35.24	0.27	0.03	0.41	0.08	0.49
Oldham . . . . .	14.26	15.07	26.81	38.39	0.20	0.02	..	..	..
Preston . . . . .	15.40	11.88	27.0	35.0	0.19	0.008	..	0.54	0.54
Rochdale . . . .	14.3	13.8	23.0	42.0	0.15	0.01	..	0.78	0.78
Salford . . . . .	16.72	12.02	30.0	39.6	0.23	0.01	1.36	..	1.36
St. Helens . . .	17.0	10.9	41.0	40.0	0.25	0.01	1.03	0.52	1.55
<b>Stockport . . . .</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>37.81</b>	<b>35.18</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.92</b>	..	<b>0.92</b>
Wallasey . . . .	16.88	10.88	25.12	30.98	0.11	0.03	..	..	..
Wigan . . . . .	14.75	11.37	27.0	42.6	0.29	0.01	..	..	..

\* Not available

**(d) VITAL STATISTICS****(i) Population**

The Registrar-General's estimate of the civilian population for the Borough at mid-year, 1954, is 141,200. This figure is based primarily on the National Register enumeration taken at the end of September, 1939, adjusted for the subsequent movement of population derived from that Register. Non-Civilians (i.e., Stockport inhabitants serving with Her Majesty's Forces) are excluded from this estimate.

**(ii) Births**

The corrected number of births registered for the Borough during 1954, was 2,089, of which 1,082 were males and 1,007 females. The birth-rate per thousand of the population was equal to 14·8, the figure for 1953 being 15·3. In 1953 there were 2,157 births—1,118 males, 1,039 females.

The birth-rate for England and Wales was 15·2.

**(iii) Deaths**

The corrected number of deaths recorded during 1954 was 1,751, namely 892 males and 859 females. The death-rate per thousand of the estimated population was 12·4, as compared with 14·5 in 1953.

The rate for England and Wales was 11·3.

More detailed information and certain comparative rates of other similar towns are shown in the tables on pages 14, 15, and 18 to 21.

The chief Causes of Death were :	1954	1953
Heart Disease .. .. .	530	602
Other Circulatory Diseases .. ..	67	92
Neoplasm, Malignant Disease .. ..	276	348
Pneumonia (all forms) .. .. .	62	51
Tuberculosis (all forms) .. .. .	16	26
Kidney Disease .. .. .	12	10
Vascular Lesions .. .. .	290	351
Bronchitis .. .. .	131	164
Influenza .. .. .	2	18

There were also the following Deaths from :

Suicide .. .. .	28	12
Accidents .. .. .	47	53

The Zymotic Death Rate for the whole Borough was 0·07.

The Death Rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis for the whole of the Borough was 0·08 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 0·16 for 1953, and the total number of deaths recorded was 12, as compared with 22 for 1953.

The number of deaths of children under one year of age was 79, giving an Infant Mortality Rate for 1954 of 37·81. The Rate for 1954 for England and Wales was 25·5 and for the County Boroughs and Great Towns 26·45.

(iv) **Illegitimacy**

During the year there were 108 illegitimate births recorded by the Registrar-General as belonging to the Borough, as compared with 112 in 1953. This gave an illegitimate birth rate of 51.69 per thousand total live births, as compared with 51.92 in 1953.

The infant mortality rate amongst illegitimate children was 55.55 per thousand illegitimate births.

The following table shows the comparison between the death rates of illegitimate children and others registered in the Borough during the past few years :—

Year	Esti- mated popula- tion.	Births.		Illegitimate Births.		Total deaths under 1 year of age	Infant mor- tality per 1000 births.	Deaths of illegiti- mates under 1 year of age.	Illegiti- mate infant mortality per 1000 illegiti- mate births.
		Legit- imate	Illegit- imate	to 1000 popl'n	to 1000 births				
1939	135600	1832	83	0.61	43.34	134	69.97	13	156.63
1940	132600	1841	91	0.69	47.10	117	60.25	9	98.90
1941	131310	1773	86	0.66	46.26	141	75.32	10	114.94
1942	128900	2026	112	0.87	52.39	144	67.35	9	80.36
1943	127200	2078	123	0.97	55.84	143	64.97	16	130.08
1944	129060	2271	132	1.02	54.93	164	68.25	17	128.79
1945	129280	1955	190	1.47	88.57	147	68.53	16	84.21
1946	137680	2504	179	1.30	66.72	138	51.43	16	89.39
1947	140720	2864	174	1.24	57.27	147	48.39	11	63.22
1948	140900	2323	141	1.00	57.22	91	36.93	6	42.55
1949	141460	2163	116	0.82	50.90	93	40.81	6	51.72
1950	142110	2036	114	0.80	53.02	76	35.35	3	26.32
1951	140700	1954	109	0.77	52.83	85	41.20	5	45.87
1952	141000	2019	92	0.65	43.58	61	28.90	6	65.22
1953	141000	2045	112	0.79	51.92	64	29.67	2	17.86
1954	141200	1981	108	0.76	51.69	79	37.81	6	55.55



1951—Total population at all ages, 141,660.  
Census of 1931 { Area of District in acres (land and water) : 7,059.  
Private families or separate occupiers : 33,760.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE BOROUGH DURING 1954, AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

YEAR.	Total Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.			
		Un- corrected Number.	Nett.		Number.	Rate.	of Non- residents registered in the District.	of Resi- dents not registered in the District.	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.	
			Number.	Rate.					Number.	Rate per 1000 Nett Births.	Number.	Rate.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1944	129,060	2676	2403	18.62	1997	15.47	333	125	164	68	1789	13.86
1945	129,280	2415	2145	16.59	2019	15.61	385	108	147	68	1741	13.46
1946	137,680	2880	2683	19.49	2039	14.81	371	136	138	51	1806	13.12
1947	140,720	3154	3038	21.59	2099	14.92	375	144	147	48	1869	13.28
1948	140,900	2683	2464	17.49	1923	13.64	371	119	91	36	1671	11.86
1949	141,460	2751	2279	16.11	2180	15.41	453	138	93	40	1865	13.18
1950	142,110	2758	2150	15.13	2281	16.05	527	113	76	35	1867	13.14
1951	140,700	2700	2063	14.66	2558	18.18	650	155	85	41	2063	14.66
1952	141,000	2774	2111	14.97	2337	16.57	688	131	61	29	1780	12.62
1953	141,000	2887	2157	15.3	2581	18.30	659	122	64	30	2044	14.50
1954	141,200	2851	2089	14.8	2312	16.37	669	111	79	38	1751	12.40

(vi) BIRTH RATE, DEATH RATE, INFANT MORTALITY RATE, MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE, AND ZYMOTIC DEATH RATE (1917-1954).

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Birth-rate</i>	<i>Death-rate.</i>	<i>Infant Mortality.</i>	<i>Zymotic Death-rate.</i>	<i>Maternal Mortality.</i>
1917	15.17	13.18	96	0.54	3.54
1918	13.84	18.29	112	0.69	4.82
1919	15.05	13.33	98	0.32	4.33
1920	22.20	12.87	97	0.88	3.60
1921	20.43	12.16	91	0.53	5.55
1922	17.42	13.37	77	0.53	6.91
1923	17.63	12.66	92	0.35	5.21
1924	16.37	13.86	87	0.51	5.51
1925	16.51	13.94	97	0.49	2.76
1926	16.06	12.78	82	0.40	4.77
1927	14.66	12.54	77	0.26	6.70
1928	14.32	12.79	77	0.31	5.68
1929	13.30	13.87	92	0.23	6.12
1930	13.79	12.02	57	0.39	1.60
1931	13.60	13.85	79	0.27	6.04
1932	12.66	12.72	71	0.45	2.94
1933	12.23	13.83	83	0.31	4.27
1934	13.58	11.85	55	0.23	3.82
1935	12.93	11.97	57	0.24	5.59
1936	13.65	13.16	76	0.35	3.15
1937	14.14	13.94	57	0.12	8.60
1938	14.35	13.03	56	0.32	2.94
1939	14.12	13.56	70	0.26	1.49
1940	14.57	15.28	60	0.26	1.47
1941	14.16	14.18	75	0.44	4.62
1942	16.59	12.96	67	0.40	4.05
1943	17.30	14.00	64	0.25	2.20
1944	18.62	13.86	68	0.32	4.03
1945	16.59	13.46	68	0.43	2.70
1946	19.49	13.12	51	0.27	1.08
1947	21.59	13.28	48	0.18	0.95
1948	17.49	11.86	36	0.12	0.79
1949	16.11	13.18	40	0.16	0.42
1950	15.13	13.14	35	0.09	0.46
1951	14.66	14.66	41	0.08	1.41
1952	14.97	12.62	29	0.08	1.86
1953	15.30	14.50	30	0.15	1.36
1954	14.80	12.40	38	0.07	0.92

CAUSES OF DEATH	Sex	AGE										Total
		0—	1—	5—	15—	25—	45—	65—	75—			
1. Tuberculosis Respiratory .....	M.	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	..	8		
2. Tuberculosis, other .....	F.	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	4		
3. Syphilitic Disease .....	M.	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2		
4. Diphtheria .....	F.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2		
5. Whooping Cough .....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	2		
6. Meningococcal Infections .....	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
7. Acute Poliomyelitis .....	M.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1		
8. Measles .....	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases .....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
10. Malignant Neoplasm Stomach .....	F.	1	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	5		
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus .....	M.	1	..	..	..	3	1	7	2	21		
12. Malignant Neoplasm Breast .....	F.	..	..	..	..	3	2	4	5	11		
13. Malignant Neoplasm Uterus .....	M.	..	..	..	..	1	6	16	5	65		
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms .....	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	9		
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia .....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	17	4	5	26		
16. Diabetes .....	F.	..	..	..	..	3	5	4	2	14		
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System .....	M.	..	..	..	1	8	25	19	16	69		
18. Coronary Disease, Angina .....	F.	..	..	..	..	2	26	22	11	61		
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease .....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	5		
	F.	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1		
	M.	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	4	10		
	F.	..	..	..	..	2	29	42	43	116		
	M.	..	..	..	..	3	26	61	84	174		
	F.	..	..	..	..	8	50	44	20	122		
	M.	..	..	..	..	1	12	37	34	84		
	F.	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	7		
	M.	..	..	..	..	1	4	6	4	15		



CAUSES OF DEATH		Sex	0—	1—	5—	15—	25—	45—	65—	75—	Total
20.	Other Heart Diseases.....	M.	..	..	..	..	5	11	41	79	136
		F.	..	..	..	1	1	16	42	106	166
21.	Other Circulatory Diseases.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	6	4	19	29
		F.	..	..	..	..	..	6	11	21	38
22.	Influenza.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
23.	Pneumonia.....	M.	10	1	..	..	1	9	10	5	36
		F.	3	..	..	1	..	4	10	8	26
24.	Bronchitis.....	M.	..	..	..	1	1	29	35	14	80
		F.	..	..	..	..	..	8	17	26	51
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	6
		F.	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	3
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	10	2	2	14
		F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.....	M.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
		F.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	4
		F.	..	..	1	..	..	3	1	3	8
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	5	10
		F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.....	M.	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
		F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6
31.	Congenital Malformations.....	M.	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	9
		F.	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
32.	Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases.....	M.	34	..	..	1	5	15	15	29	99
		F.	15	1	..	1	6	13	26	44	106
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	M.	..	..	..	2	3	2	2	1	10
		F.	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
34.	All other accidents.....	M.	..	..	3	1	1	4	4	3	16
		F.	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	13	19
35.	Suicide.....	M.	..	..	..	..	6	9	1	3	19
		F.	..	..	..	..	2	5	1	1	9
36.	Homicide and Operations of War.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
All Causes.....		M.	52	1	3	6	53	267	257	253	892
		F.	27	2	1	5	28	168	253	375	859
Totals.....			*79	3	4	11	81	435	510	628	1751

\*Under 1 year { Legit.    Illegit.  
                           { M.    ..    51    ..    1  
                           { F.    ..    22    ..    5  
                               73                    6

## (e) SICKNESS FIGURES

The figures shown below represent the number of first sickness certificates submitted to the local insurance office by the working population in the Stockport area. This year the peak period occurred in January, which was considerably lower than the peak period of 1953, when 1,360 certificates were submitted in one week in February.

## Incidence of Sickness—Working Population, 1954

Jan.	5th	..	..	789	Aug.	3rd	..	..	287
„	12th	..	..	1066	„	10th	..	..	310
„	19th	..	..	880	„	17th	..	..	255
„	26th	..	..	685	„	24th	..	..	376
					„	31st	..	..	462
Feb.	2nd	..	..	709					
„	9th	..	..	714	Sept.	7th	..	..	430
„	16th	..	..	755	„	14th	..	..	457
„	23rd	..	..	668	„	21st	..	..	429
					„	28th	..	..	461
Mar.	2nd	..	..	613					
„	9th	..	..	717	Oct.	5th	..	..	538
„	16th	..	..	610	„	12th	..	..	525
„	23rd	..	..	567	„	19th	..	..	518
„	30th	..	..	546	„	26th	..	..	561
Apl.	6th	..	..	509	Nov.	2nd	..	..	486
„	13th	..	..	442	„	9th	..	..	487
„	20th	..	..	295	„	16th	..	..	570
„	27th	..	..	488	„	23rd	..	..	645
					„	30th	..	..	771
May	4th	..	..	506					
„	11th	..	..	505	Dec.	7th	..	..	765
„	18th	..	..	487	„	14th	..	..	719
„	25th	..	..	427	„	21st	..	..	677
					„	28th	..	..	505
June	1st	..	..	457					
„	8th	..	..	390					
„	15th	..	..	321					
„	22nd	..	..	434					
„	29th	..	..	395					
July	6th	..	..	413					
„	13th	..	..	412					
„	20th	..	..	430					
„	27th	..	..	349					

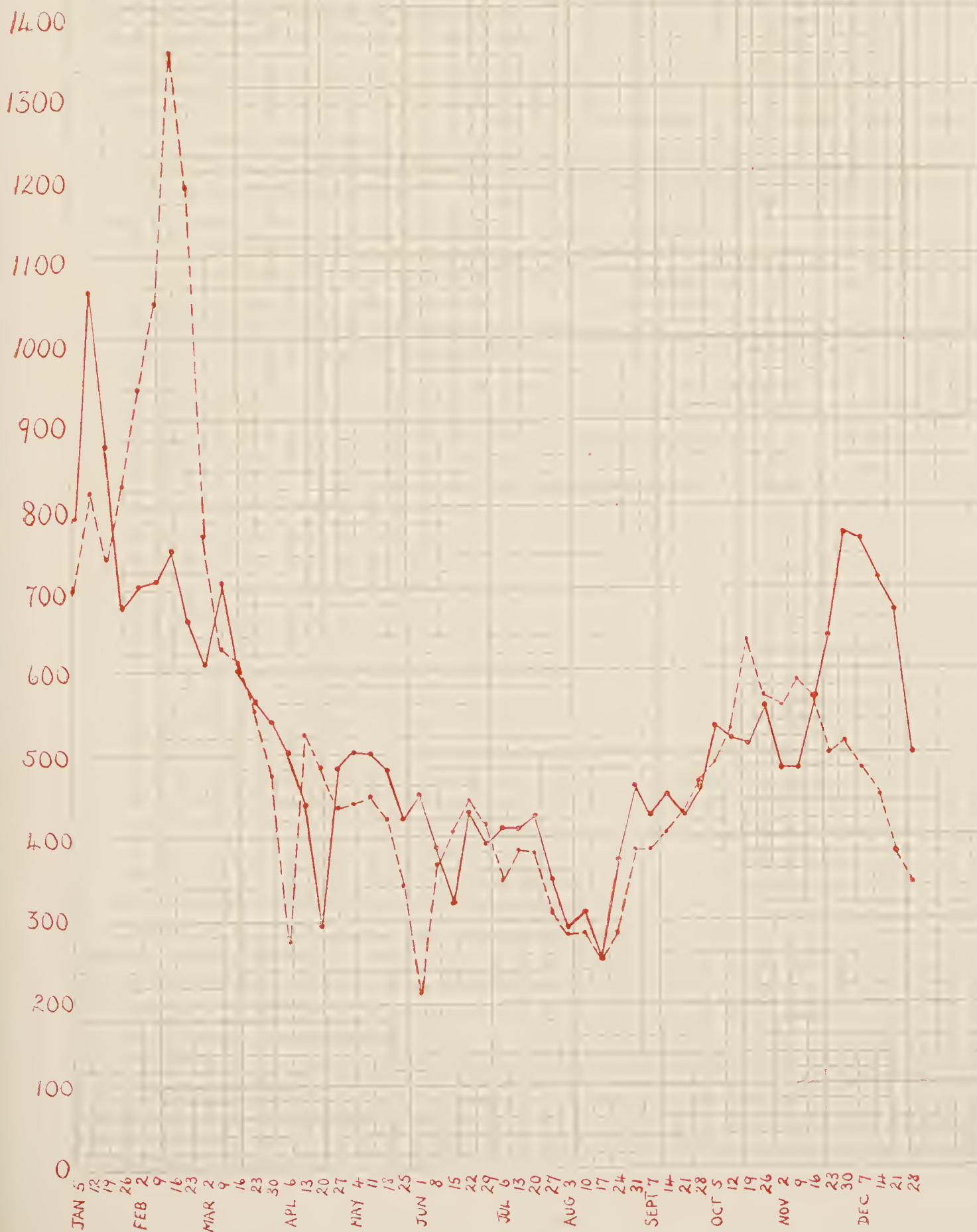
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# Incidence of Sickness

Working Population

Stockport Area = 1953

1954







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SECTION II.

**Sanitary Circumstances of  
the Area**

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**Sanitary Circumstances of the Area****(a) (i) Water**

The water supply of Stockport is provided by the Stockport Corporation Water Undertaking, which has a statutory area of 77 square miles, it also provides supplies in bulk to other districts.

The total area supplied with water is 126 square miles, with an estimated population in 1954 of 270,800, the average daily consumption being 10,926,000 gallons.

The estimated population supplied in bulk is 41,500 with an average daily consumption of 1,661,000 gallons and the estimated population supplied in detail is 229,300 with an average daily consumption of 9,265,000 gallons, equal to 40·41 gallons per head per day, 28·12 gallons being un-metered (i.e., Domestic) and 12·29 gallons metered (i.e., Trade).

- (i) The water supply of the area and of its several parts has been satisfactory (a) in quality, and (b) in quantity.
- (ii) Bacteriological examinations were made monthly of the raw water and weekly of the treated water going into supply, the results being satisfactory. Chemical analyses were made monthly of the raw and treated water going into supply, the results being satisfactory.
- (iii) The water is chemically treated to prevent plumbo-solvent action, with satisfactory results. The chemical analyses are dealt with in (ii) above.
- (iv) The water is stored in impounding reservoirs, treated by mechanical filtration plant, and subsequently chlorinated.
- (v) 45,308 dwelling-houses with a population of 141,000 are supplied from public water mains direct to the houses. No domestic supplies are given by standpipe.

**(ii) Drainage and Sewerage**

I am indebted to Mr. W. F. Gardner, M.I.C.E., Borough Surveyor, for the following details of work carried out during the year.

Number of back passages paved and sewered ..	Nil
Length of sewers laid .. .. .	6,005 yds.
Number of cellar areas closed and filled in for street improvements .. .. .	Nil
Number of houses demolished for street improvements	Nil
Number of water-closets erected in connection with new houses and buildings .. .. .	690

**(b) Rivers and Streams**

There has not been any important change during the year.



**(c) (i) Closet Accommodation**

During 1954 3 Waste Water Closets were converted to W.C.s, 124 additional W.C.s were provided as distinct from new houses provision. 8 W.C.s were provided for adaptation of old houses into flats. Number of W.C.s erected in new houses : 555.

The following table indicates the position in the Borough, as compared with the previous year.

	1953	1954
Water Closets .. ..	49,803	50,493
Waste Water Closets ..	101	98
Pail Closets .. ..	63	63
Privy Middens .. ..	—	—
Cesspools .. ..	2	2

**(c) (ii) Public Cleansing**

No change.

At the end of 1954, there were the following sanitary appliances :—

Ashbins .. .. .	54,296
Ashpits .. .. .	Nil

**(c) (iii) Shops Acts****Summary of Work under the Shops Act, 1950**

Number of Shops on the Register .. .. .	2,574
Number of Visits for all Purposes .. .. .	2,332
Notices Served :	
Preliminary .. .. .	18
Statutory .. .. .	—
Notices Complied With :	
Preliminary .. .. .	23
Statutory .. .. .	—
Notices Outstanding :	
Preliminary .. .. .	64
Statutory .. .. .	—
Nature of Work Complied With :	
Renewals and Repairs to Sanitary Accommodation	4
General Drainage and Repairs .. .. .	3
Premises Cleansed .. .. .	8
Ash Bins Renewed .. .. .	1
Prescribed Forms obtained and displayed ..	2
Additional Facilities Required and Provided :	
Sanitary Accommodation .. .. .	11
Washing Facilities .. .. .	8
Ventilation and Temperature .. .. .	2
Facilities for Meals .. .. .	—
Lighting .. .. .	—

**(c) (iv) Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933**

The listed sellers on the Register under the above Act is 271. During the year 318 inspections of these premises were made.

**(c) (v) Swimming Baths and Pools**

10 samples of water from the public swimming baths in the Borough have been taken during the year. The analyses of these samples were consistently good throughout the year, and the bathers have been able to enjoy a highly satisfactory bath water.

**(c) (vi) Eradication of Bed Bugs**

During the year 11 Corporation houses were found to be infested with bugs. All the houses were treated with D.D.T. or other insecticide.

In the case of rehousing of families into Corporation houses, the furniture and bedding from 139 houses were disinfested.

In the case of privately-owned houses 5 cases of bug infestation were investigated and treated by D.D.T. or other insecticide.

**(c) (vii) Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by Byelaws or Regulations**

COMMON LODGING HOUSES. There are 2 Common Lodging Houses in the Borough, to which 46 visits were paid during the year.

BAKEHOUSES. There are 92 bakehouses (4 of which are underground), to which 133 visits were made in the course of the year.

OFFENSIVE TRADES. There are in the Borough 15 premises in which one or other of the offensive trades are carried on, and 31 visits were made to these premises during the year.

FAIRS AND WAKES AND TRAVELLING VANS. In connection with fairs and vans, 29 visits to caravans used as dwelling houses were made.

**(c) (viii) Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949**

6,562 visits of inspection were made under the above Act, advice and assistance was given to the persons concerned as to the safest means of destruction in the various cases. It is known that a large number of rats were destroyed.

Number of premises inspected	..	..	..	4,654
Number of visits	..	..	..	10,175
Number of premises found infested	..	..	..	539
Number of premises treated	..	..	..	539
Number of block control schemes	..	..	..	69
Number of notices served	..	..	..	—
Legal proceedings taken	..	..	..	—

**(c) (ix) Rag Flocks and other Filling Materials Act, 1951**

31 visits were made to works in order to ascertain that no infringement of the provisions relating to rag flock was taking place.

(c) (x) **Smoke Abatement**

A total of 359 smoke observations and visits to boiler plants have been made during the year and advice and assistance has been given where necessary.

There were no prosecutions during the year in respect of the emission of excessive smoke.

Instruments to measure the extent of atmospheric pollution are situated in different parts of the town and the following table shows the monthly average pollution at the sites in use.

Station	Rain m.m.	Insoluble Deposits	Soluble Deposits	Total Solids	SO <sub>3</sub> mg/day/ 1,000 cm <sup>2</sup> of batch A Lead Peroxide
		Tons per Square Mile			
Cheadle Heath . .	92.4	6.39	12.76	19.24	1.75
Georges Road . . .	92.3	9.64	14.68	24.37	—
Portwood . . . . .	88.08	24.68	14.04	38.88	2.72

During the year a joint report of the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Sanitary Inspector on the provision of a smokeless zone in the Brinnington neighbourhood unit was considered by the Health Committee. The proposals were deferred by the Committee, who suggested that a similar survey should take place in respect of premises in the central area of the town. Details of a preliminary survey are now receiving consideration.

(d) **Schools**

During the year improvements to existing sanitary accommodation have been carried out for the staff at Avondale Secondary Modern School and at Stockport School. Hot water systems have been installed at Wellington Road, Hollywood Park and Vernon Park Schools.

(e) **Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948**

Action was taken for the compulsory removal to suitable premises of one person considered to be in need of care and attention. A number of other cases were brought to the notice of this authority and investigated. In certain cases the persons concerned were persuaded to accept institutional care, other cases were referred to the Welfare Officer,



**(f) District Sanitary Inspectors' Work****INSPECTIONS MADE AND NUISANCES FOUND :**

TOTAL INSPECTIONS MADE (all purposes)	..	..	..	22,142
Total individual properties inspected (all purposes)	..	..	..	8,844
Housing Inspections (under P.H.A.)	..	..	..	4,790
Total individual properties inspected	..	..	..	1,826
Other Inspections (under P.H.A.)	..	..	..	5,337
Courts and Yards	..	..	..	114
Dry Ashpits and Dustbins	..	..	..	91
Drainage	..	..	..	2,406
Water Closets	..	..	..	969
Water Courses	..	..	..	33
Miscellaneous Inspections	..	..	..	2,237
Inspections for Infectious Disease :				
Total Inspections and Visits	..	..	..	413
Total houses visited	..	..	..	346
Houses disinfected	..	..	..	263
Schools, etc., disinfected	..	..	..	Nil
COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	..	..	..	2,140
NUISANCES FOUND	..	..	..	2,407
NUISANCES ABATED (total)	..	..	..	2,013

**WATER CLOSETS, ETC. :**

Water Closets cleansed (by Owners)	..	..	..	1
Water Closets cleansed (by Occupiers)	..	..	..	2
Water Closet Pedestals, etc., renewed or repaired	..	..	..	123
Water Supply Pipes or Cisterns to Water Closets repaired	..	..	..	84
Water Courses Cleansed	..	..	..	7
Dustbins renewed	..	..	..	4,427
Houses Cleansed, Re-papered, or Lime-washed	..	..	..	4
Sink Waste Pipes Renewed or Repaired	..	..	..	41
Downspouts or Eaves Gutters Renewed or Repaired	..	..	..	289
House Drains Tested	..	..	..	196
House Drains and Drains to Water Closets Reconstructed or Repaired	..	..	..	228
Gully Traps Fixed	..	..	..	10
Soilpipes and Ventilating Shafts Erected	..	..	..	8
Yards, Courts or Passages Drained or Drains Repaired	..	..	..	3
Yards, Courts or Passages Paved or Repaired	..	..	..	2
Yards, Courts or Passages cleansed by Occupiers	..	..	..	1
Animals Improperly Kept—Removed	..	..	..	5
Accumulations Removed	..	..	..	72
Houses where Structural Repairs have been carried out	..	..	..	1,131
Miscellaneous Nuisances	..	..	..	33

**NOTICES SERVED :**

Preliminary	..	..	..	..	1,371
Statutory	..	..	..	..	419
January 1st, 1954. Statutory Notices outstanding	..	..	..	..	289
December 31st, 1954. Statutory Notices outstanding	..	..	..	..	413

**NOTICES COMPLIED WITH :**

Preliminary	..	..	..	..	884
Statutory	..	..	..	..	295

COUNTY BOROUGH OF STOCKPORT—YEAR 1954

(g) FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors) :—

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.....		47	28	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....		750	339	9	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)		2	5	—	—
TOTAL.....		799	372	9	—

**FACTORIES ACT—Continued**

**2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND :—**

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (5)      By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1).....	4	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2).....	5	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3).....	6	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4).....	7	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6).....	8	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	9	1	1	—	—
(a) insufficient.....				1	
(b) unsuitable or defective.....	10	26	42	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes.....	11	1	6	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....	12	2	2	—	—
TOTAL.....		31	51	8	—



**FACTORIES ACT—Continued**

**PART VIII OF THE ACT**

**OUTWORK**

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	M/c line No. (2)	Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (3)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (4)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (5)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (6)	Notices served (7)	Prosecutions (8)
Wearing apparel { Making, etc. .... Cleaning, washing	13	92	—	—	—	—	—
	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
Boxmaking.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL.....	—	92	—	—	—	—	—



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SECTION III.

**Housing**

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## SECTION III.

## Housing

## (a) New Houses

I give below particulars of the houses built, or in course of building at the end of the year :

No. of Houses erected during the year ended 31st December, 1954, by private enterprise .. .. .	244
No. of Houses in course of erection by private enterprise 31st December, 1954 .. .. .	192
No. of Houses erected by the Corporation during the year ended 31st December, 1954 .. .. .	311
No. of Houses in course of erection by the Corporation, 31st December, 1954 .. .. .	313

## (b) Ward Distribution of New Houses

Number of houses erected in the various Wards of the Borough during the year end 31st December, 1954 :

Ward				Private		Enterprise Corporation		Total
Portwood .. .. .	No. 1 ..	—	..	184	..	184	..	184
St. Mary's .. .. .	„ 2 ..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—
Vernon .. .. .	„ 3 ..	22	..	—	..	22	..	22
Hempshaw Lane .. .. .	„ 4 ..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—
St. Thomas's .. .. .	„ 5 ..	—	..	40	..	40	..	40
Cale Green .. .. .	„ 6 ..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—
Heaviley .. .. .	„ 7 ..	22	..	—	..	22	..	22
Davenport .. .. .	„ 8 ..	9	..	4	..	13	..	13
Shaw Heath .. .. .	„ 9 ..	—	..	8	..	8	..	8
Edgeley .. .. .	„ 10 ..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—
Hollywood .. .. .	„ 11 ..	64	..	—	..	64	..	64
Heaton Lane .. .. .	„ 12 ..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—
Heaton Norris South ..	„ 13 ..	40	..	—	..	40	..	40
Heaton Norris North ..	„ 14 ..	27	..	—	..	27	..	27
Old Road .. .. .	„ 15 ..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—
Lancashire Hill .. .. .	„ 16 ..	2	..	—	..	2	..	2
Reddish South .. .. .	„ 17 ..	54	..	75	..	129	..	129
Reddish North .. .. .	„ 18 ..	4	..	—	..	4	..	4
Totals				244		311		555

(c) Number of houses built by the Corporation and Private Enterprise during the last few years.

NUMBER OF HOUSES COMPLETED

YEAR		By Private Enterprise		By Corporation		Total
1920	}	77	..	147	..	224
1921						
1922	..	125	..	—	..	125
1923	..	176	..	—	..	176
1924	..	241	..	—	..	241
1925	..	405	..	—	..	405
1926	..	335	..	—	..	335
1927	..	330	..	20	..	350
1928	..	333	..	54	..	387
1929	..	294	..	128	..	422
1930	..	233	..	174	..	407
1931	..	468	..	332	..	800
1932	..	471	..	106	..	577
1933	..	670	..	514	..	1184
1934	..	1514	..	51	..	1565
1935	..	1255	..	270	..	1525
1936	..	1443	..	110	..	1553
1937	..	1392	..	140	..	1532
1938	..	1088	..	162	..	1250
1939	..	875	..	144	..	1019
1940	..	75	..	—	..	75
1941	..	17	..	—	..	17
1942	..	6	..	—	..	6
1943	..	—	..	—	..	—
1944	..	—	..	—	..	—
1945	..	4	..	—	..	4
1946	..	141	..	188	..	329
1947	..	91	..	261	..	352
1948	..	13	..	355	..	368
1949	..	36	..	401	..	437
1950	..	82	..	181	..	263
1951	..	73	..	305	..	378
1952	..	81	..	532	..	613
1953	..	156	..	433	..	589
1954	..	244	..	311	..	555
		<hr/> 12,744 <hr/>		<hr/> 5,319 <hr/>		<hr/> 18,063 <hr/>

(d) TYPES OF HOUSES BUILT BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Site	A5	A4	B4	B3	B2	A3	A2	Flats			Bungalows	Temporary Houses	Total
								A3	A2	A1			
Dial House.....	Non-Parlour 5 Bedrooms	Non-Parlour 4 Bedrooms	Parlour 4 Bedrooms	Parlour 3 Bedrooms	Parlour 2 Bedrooms	Non-Parlour 3 Bedrooms	Non-Parlour 2 Bedrooms	Non-Parlour 3 Bedrooms	Non-Parlour 2 Bedrooms	Non-Parlour 1 Bedroom	Non-Parlour 1 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms	101
Cheadle Heath No. 1.....	—	—	3	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
Cheadle Heath No. 2.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	20
Edgeley.....	—	—	—	24	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	27
Didsbury Road.....	—	—	—	40	—	122	76	—	70	33	—	—	341
Criterion Street.....	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—	—	118
Reddish Road.....	—	—	—	—	—	174	—	—	40	—	—	—	214
Bates Ley (Garners Lane).....	—	—	—	—	—	600	—	—	80	—	—	—	680
Lancashire Hill.....	—	—	—	—	—	64	—	—	—	—	—	—	64
School Street.....	—	5	—	—	—	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	31
Jowett Street.....	—	7	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
Stockport Road.....	—	58	—	—	—	176	—	—	—	36	—	—	270
Bridge Hall.....	—	25	—	259	—	102	—	—	6	16	—	—	408
Adswold Hall.....	—	41	—	—	—	131	—	—	—	—	—	—	172
Huntsman Brow.....	—	17	—	—	—	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	64
Woodhall Road.....	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	96	—	—	120
Walnut Tree Farm.....	9	38	—	—	—	*138	9	—	—	—	—	99	194
Whitehill Estate.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	99
Wharfedale Estate.....	—	—	—	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50
Houldsworth Estate No. 1...	—	—	—	66	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66
Houldsworth Estate No. 2...	—	2	19	125	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	152
Houldsworth Estate No. 3...	—	13	1	—	—	77	37	—	—	—	—	—	128
Houldsworth Estate No. 4...	—	—	—	—	—	28	32	—	—	—	—	—	60
Houldsworth Estate No. 5...	—	—	—	—	—	7	33	—	—	—	—	—	40
Houldsworth Estate No. 7...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	8
Knypersley Avenue.....	—	—	—	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36
Hollymount Road.....	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Grasmere Avenue.....	—	—	—	—	4	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	12
Magda Road.....	—	—	—	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34
Matlock Road No. 1.....	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Matlock Road No. 2.....	—	—	—	—	—	24	14	—	—	—	—	—	38
Bideford Road.....	—	—	—	44	—	6	8	—	—	—	—	—	58
Bank Hall Road Nos. 1 and 2	—	—	—	6	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	10
Clovelly Road.....	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Fernley Road.....	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
Nangrave Road.....	—	—	—	6	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Carnforth Road.....	—	2	2	22	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	32





## (e) WORK UNDERTAKEN IN THE BOROUGH

**1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year**

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	4,790
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	9,947
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations, 1925 and 1932) .. .. .	347
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	577
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .. .. .	15
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .. .. .	1,613

**2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices**

	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers .. .. .	996
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**3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year****A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936**

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs .. ..	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a)	By Owners .. .. .	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners .. ..	Nil

**B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts**

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	419
	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
(a)	By Owners .. .. .	247
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners .. ..	13

**C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936**

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .. .. .	Nil
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(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .. .. .	Nil
<b>D.</b>	<b>Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936</b>	
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit .. .. .	Nil
<b>(f)</b>	<b>Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding</b>	
(a)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year .. .. .	199
	„ families dwelling therein .. .. .	292
	„ persons dwelling therein (equivalent number of adults) .. .. .	1,484
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year .. .. .	3
(c)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year .. .. .	35
	Number of persons concerned in such cases (equivalent number of adults) .. .. .	207
(d)	Number of cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Corporation had taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ..	Nil
<b>(g)</b>	<b>Slum Clearance</b>	

During the year the rehousing of tenants from the York Street clearance area has been taking place. Progress has been slow owing to the difficulty of finding sufficient numbers of houses at a low rental. Detailed proposals for the clearance and demolition of unfit houses will be submitted to the Housing Committee next year. It is to be hoped that the shortage of Sanitary Inspectors can be made good so as to enable adequate progress to be made.





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SECTION IV.

**Inspection and Supervision  
of Food**

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## Inspection and Supervision of Food

## (a) MILK SUPPLY

## (i) Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

There are 20 cowsheds and 38 dairies in the Borough. 51 persons deliver milk in Stockport, and 710 are registered as distributors of graded milk in sealed bottles.

During the year 536 visits of inspection have been made to these premises and as a result many alterations and repairs have been effected.

## (ii) Milk Including (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949-53

During the year 474 samples of milk have been procured and tested as follows :

<i>Tests Applied</i>	<i>Total No. of Tests</i>	<i>No. Satis- factory</i>	<i>No. Un- satisfactory</i>
RAW MILK :			
Methylene Blue Reduction Test	24	14	10
HEAT TREATED MILK :			
Methylene Reduction Test ..	—	—	—
Phosphatase Test .. ..	323	319	4
Turbidity Test .. ..	127	127	—
TOTAL .. ..	474	460	14

During the year 12 samples of milk were taken and examined for tuberculosis infection ; 10 negative, and 2 positive.

## (b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

During the year the sale of meat was decontrolled and centralised slaughtering by the Ministry of Food ceased. There is no Municipal Slaughterhouse, and in order to ensure adequate slaughtering facilities the Council have granted licences in respect of ten private slaughterhouses.

1,474 visits of inspection to slaughterhouses were made, as compared with 878 during the previous year.

The vehicles used for the transport of meat have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

A total of 3,140 inspections have been made to premises used for the preparation, storage, and sale of food.

351 premises are registered for the manufacture, storage, or sale of ice-cream and these have received regular supervision during the past year.



The re-opening of private slaughterhouses has necessitated changes in the collection of condemned meat and offal. Meat is now collected from all slaughterhouses by local contractors. Processing is carried out under supervision and the new arrangements are working satisfactorily.

Disposal of the other foods, including canned goods, is by tipping at the Corporation's refuse tip under the supervision of the Cleansing Department.

### Special Examination of Consignments

Full details of unsound food found to be unfit for human consumption on page 44. No large consignment affected.

### Lectures on Food Hygiene

Lectures to food traders have again been given by the Chief Sanitary Inspector at the Technical College. Talks on food hygiene to a number of local bodies and organisations have also been given.

### Total Number of Food Premises

A detailed register of all individual premises is not yet available. The total number of visits of inspection to all food premises during the year was 3,140.

The following is a summary of the unsound meat and other foods dealt with during the year.

#### CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number Killed.....	6119	2278	2255	42732	6679
Number Inspected.....	6119	2278	2255	42732	6679
<b>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</b>					
Whole Carcases Condemned.....	7	12	16	15	28
Carcases of which some part or organ was Condemned.....	426	605	5	549	276
Percentage of the number Inspected affected with Disease other than Tuberculosis.....	7.07	27.08	7.31	1.31	4.55
<b>Tuberculosis only</b>					
Whole Carcases Condemned.....	6	29	16	—	5
Carcases of which some part or organ was Condemned.....	483	818	2	2	236
Percentage of the number Inspected affected with Tuberculosis.....	7.99	37.18	.79	.004	3.60

## Other foods examined and found to be unfit for human consumption :

				<i>Tons</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>qrs.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>ozs.</i>
Tongue .. .. .	—	2	0	14	3			
Veal .. .. .	—	—	2	21	0			
Pork .. .. .	—	1	0	3	8			
Chicken .. .. .	—	—	1	2	3			
Ox Tongue .. .. .	—	5	2	25	7			
Ham .. .. .	—	15	2	23	9			
Luncheon Meat .. .. .	—	1	0	11	8			
Corned Beef .. .. .	—	2	3	0	4			
Beef .. .. .	1	2	0	19	8			
Pig .. .. .	—	4	1	2	0			
Mixed Dried Fruit .. .. .	—	5	0	0	0			
Mutton Trimmings .. .. .	—	3	1	6	0			
Raisins .. .. .	—	7	3	3	0			
Beans .. .. .	—	1	0	27	0			
Sausage .. .. .	—	—	3	5	8			
Bacon .. .. .	—	—	3	26	0			
Cheese .. .. .	—	—	2	6	8			
Frozen Eggs .. .. .	—	—	2	16	0			
Steak .. .. .	—	—	—	24	0			
Prunes .. .. .	—	—	—	24	0			
Veal Loaf .. .. .	—	—	—	12	0			
Apricots .. .. .	—	—	1	13	0			
Turkey .. .. .	—	—	—	6	0			
Fowl .. .. .	—	—	—	8	0			
Mutton .. .. .	—	—	—	6	0			
Lemon Curd .. .. .	—	—	—	14	0			
Miscellaneous .. .. .	—	—	—	5	6			
				3	17	1	17	8

## Other Unsound or Unwholesome Foods Surrendered :

62 tins .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Fish
279 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Pears
753 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Milk
245 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Tomatoes
205 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Steak
1,617 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Vegetables
1,584 packets .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Dried Onions
2,836 tins .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Fruit
145 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Soup
71 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Luncheon Meat
206 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Meat
367 packets .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Cheese
1,690 tins .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Baby Foods
200 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Tomato Paste
764 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Syrup, Tongue, Puddings, Sponge Mix, Beef Paste, etc.

11,024

also 1,980 eggs

Total Weight of Meat Surrendered at Adswold Abattoir during  
1954 : 47 tons, 16 cwts., 2 qrs., 0 lbs,

**(c) ADULTERATION**

The following tables show the percentage of adulteration compared with previous years :

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Samples analysed</i>		<i>Adulterated</i>		<i>Percentage Adulteration</i>
1933	..	347	..	15	4.32
1934	..	385	..	25	6.49
1935	..	400	..	21	5.25
1936	..	417	..	15	3.59
1937	..	416	..	4	0.96
1938	..	403	..	9	2.23
1939	..	405	..	7	1.73
1940	..	403	..	23	5.7
1941	..	389	..	27	6.94
1942	..	358	..	19	5.31
1943	..	360	..	12	3.33
1944	..	338	..	14	4.14
1945	..	422	..	25	5.92
1946	..	426	..	28	6.57
1947	..	418	..	31	7.41
1948	..	450	..	22	4.88
1949	..	423	..	47	11.11
1950	..	431	..	34	7.89
1951	..	400	..	28	7.00
1952	..	400	..	34	8.50
1953	..	374	..	30	8.02
1954	..	359	..	37	10.306

Analysis of milk samples (included in the above table) compared with previous years :

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Samples analysed</i>		<i>Adulterated</i>		<i>Percentage Adulteration</i>
1933	..	116	..	3	2.59
1934	..	136	..	8	5.88
1935	..	88	..	7	7.95
1936	..	34	..	3	8.82
1937	..	61	..	3	4.92
1938	..	78	..	7	9.1
1939	..	94	..	3	3.2
1940	..	91	..	12	13.18
1941	..	89	..	13	14.61
1942	..	85	..	13	15.29
1943	..	84	..	9	10.71
1944	..	79	..	10	12.65
1945	..	159	..	22	13.83
1946	..	145	..	21	14.48
1947	..	128	..	21	16.4
1948	..	119	..	11	9.24
1949	..	167	..	31	18.56
1950	..	212	..	24	11.32
1951	..	202	..	16	7.92
1952	..	195	..	23	11.79
1953	..	151	..	13	8.61
1954	..	153	..	22	14.379



**(d) NUTRITION**

The five Empire Marketing Board frames, which became the property of the Corporation in 1934, have been used for posters illustrating various health matters, including nutrition. The classes in Mothercraft and Hygiene in the schools have been continued.

**(e) SHELL FISH (Molluscan)**

There are no Shell Fish beds in the Borough.

**(f) FERTILISING AND FEEDING STUFFS ACT**

13 samples were taken under the above Act during the year.

**(g) LEGAL PROCEEDINGS DURING THE YEAR, 1954**

OFFENCE	RESULT	FINE
PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936 SECTION 93		
2 Cases      ..      ..	Nuisance Order granted	One case fined a total of £6. Work done in default. Other case outstanding.
7 Cases      ..      ..	Adjourned. Work completed at a later date.	Costs.
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1938 SECTION 38		
1 Case—Adulterated Milk Sample      ..	Proved	£20

**(h) ICE-CREAM VENDORS**

351 premises are registered for the manufacture, storage or sale of ice-cream.

During the year 136 visits of inspection were made to ice-cream premises.

(i) **FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS**

<i>Total number of outbreaks</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>Number of Deaths</i>	<i>Organisms or other agents responsible with number of outbreaks of each</i>	<i>Foods involved with number of outbreaks of each</i>
Single cases 26	26	—	No organisms isolated	No particular Food implicated

A considerable amount of investigation has been carried out in connection with alleged food poisoning cases, but in no case was it possible to have Bacteriological Examinations conducted, this was due to the fact that the suspected food had been disposed of by the time that investigations commenced.





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SECTION V.

**Prevalence of, and Control over,  
Infectious and other Diseases**

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## SECTION V.

**Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases****(a) NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

The total number of cases of infectious disease, including Tuberculosis, notified during 1954, was 1,455, as compared with 2,331 for 1953 and 2,417 during 1952.

**Smallpox**

There were no cases of smallpox notified during the year.

**Scarlet Fever**

134 cases were notified in 1954, as compared with 322 in 1953. No deaths were reported.

**Diphtheria**

For the fourth year in succession, no cases of Diphtheria were notified. The accompanying table shows the remarkable decline in the incidence of Diphtheria over the past few years, due in no small measure to the immunisation campaign which has been carried on continuously during this period. (See page 54 for details.)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>Number of Deaths</i>
1939	218	9
1940	516	28
1941	536	37
1942	520	22
1943	399	13
1944	154	6
1945	92	3
1946	25	1
1947	20	—
1948	22	—
1949	6	—
1950	3	—
1951	—	—
1952	—	—
1953	—	—
1954	—	—

### **Measles and Whooping Cough**

724 cases of Measles and 274 of Whooping Cough were notified during the year, as compared with 1,374 and 276 respectively for 1953.

### **Poliomyelitis**

3 cases were notified during 1954, all were treated at Cherry Tree Hospital and discharged as cured.

### **Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers**

No cases of Typhoid Fever (Para B) were notified during 1954.

### **Terminal Disinfection**

Terminal Disinfection in cases of infectious disease was discontinued in March, 1950, with the exception of smallpox, tuberculosis, and the enteric fevers. This has not resulted in any significant increase in the infectious disease rate. The disinfection of library books is still carried out in order to comply with Section 155 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Terminal Disinfection is also carried out in certain cases of non-infectious disease, when requested, a charge of 10s. 6d. being made, except in the case of cancer.

### **Food Poisoning**

During 1954, 26 notifications in respect of Food Poisoning were received.

### **Neoplasm**

276 deaths from Neoplasms were recorded during the year—155 males and 121 females.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1954. SUMMARY

DISEASE	Total cases notified	At ages —Year											Cases admitted to Cherry Tree Hosp.	Cases treated in Other Hospitals	Total Deaths	Deaths at age periods																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
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\* Stepping Hill Hospital

† 2 Stepping Hill Hospital, 1 Manchester Royal Infirmary, 1 Withington Hospital



The seasonal prevalence of these various diseases is indicated in the following table which shows the notifications received in the months of the year.

DISEASE	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Smallpox.....	10	22	12	11	13	7	6	5	6	11	18	13
Scarlet Fever.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paratyphoid Fever.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Erysipelas.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	4	16	9	8	13	11	8	4	15	9	8	3
Measles.....	..	1	1	1	13	55	173	104	46	48	119	163
Whooping Cough.....	20	9	27	44	23	42	25	26	20	22	6	10
Acute Primary Pneumonia.....	8	6	6	1	2	2	1	1	4	3	2	2
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia.....	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Malaria.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dysentery.....	1	..	..	1	..	2	1	2	1	1	3	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Encephalitis Lethargica.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Acute Infective Encephalitis.....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meningococcal Infections.....	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	3
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..
Food Poisoning.....	3	..	4	..	2	..	1	3	1	2	10	..
Tuberculosis—Pulmonary.....	5	10	5	10	6	8	13	6	8	9	9	3
” —Meninges C.N.S.....	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
” —Other Forms.....	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Totals.....	54	71	70	77	75	129	233	154	102	111	177	202

**(b) DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION**

The comprehensive statement opposite shows the number of children immunised during the period 1933-1954 :

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION																																													
Persons inoculated each year from 1933 — 1954																																													
Age in years on 31st December of corresponding year.	1933		1934		1935		1936		1937		1938		1939		1940		1941		1942		1943		1944		1945		1946		1947		1948		1949		1950		1951		1952		1953		1954		TOTAL
	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.					
0—	8	2	5	1	13	3	20	5	18	5	51	12	178	44	186	46	185	46	371	..	130	..	169	..	197	..	614	..	1010	..	1281	..	1031	..	861	..	982	..	947	..	887	..	*101 685	..	0—5 years 6458
1—	52	13	28	7	85	21	127	31	121	30	323	81	254	63	455	114	450	112	1168	292	842	..	1023	..	1115	..	787	3	592	..	572	..	479	..	383	..	446	..	361	..	319	..	*10 337	11 ..	
2—	11	..	5	1	14	4	21	6	21	5	56	14	33	8	28	7	190	48	314	79	102	25	84	..	137	..	129	3	78	..	82	..	84	2	91	1	93	..	87	1	80	..	*2 38	4 ..	
3—	9	..	5	..	12	3	18	4	17	4	44	11	23	6	17	4	43	11	278	70	95	24	32	8	63	..	92	6	33	2	39	14	44	..	35	2	46	2	64	3	35	1	*.. 22	1 1	
4—	17	..	9	..	27	..	33	8	31	8	83	21	55	14	55	14	81	20	187	46	182	45	126	31	133	33	100	194	119	142	117	163	91	242	64	194	75	449	65	260	36	247	*1 45	7 186	
5—	56	..	31	..	71	..	81	..	51	13	161	40	33	8	138	34	1394	348	249	62	385	96	128	32	143	36	240	150	122	215	84	109	180	382	104	444	134	647	154	563	152	602	*.. 158	3 571	5—10 years 14775
6—	34	..	18	..	43	..	49	..	38	..	97	24	14	4	72	18	869	217	117	29	234	59	87	21	71	17	161	76	52	106	28	45	179	297	46	195	55	257	52	226	83	356	*.. 80	.. 283	
7—	25	..	14	..	31	..	36	..	28	..	88	..	6	2	45	12	626	157	64	16	168	42	64	14	45	11	137	72	50	71	28	31	125	182	48	143	24	244	26	171	44	115	*.. 50	1 189	
8—	27	..	15	..	34	..	39	..	31	..	97	..	10	..	52	13	687	172	77	19	192	48	30	7	36	9	100	62	42	73	12	13	65	219	28	171	26	306	21	103	23	182	24	141	
9—	29	..	16	..	37	..	42	..	33	..	105	..	13	..	73	..	747	187	90	23	203	51	25	6	26	7	85	55	25	74	12	29	113	214	31	178	37	243	25	119	17	259	29	248	
10—	22	..	12	..	28	..	32	..	25	..	80	..	6	..	49	..	566	141	78	19	135	34	48	12	24	6	66	72	19	62	14	31	98	216	37	171	26	237	20	130	17	273	10	275	10—15 years 21605
11—	11	..	6	..	14	..	16	..	13	..	40	..	11	..	7	..	262	66	66	17	62	15	40	9	28	7	92	70	14	57	4	17	77	198	19	236	17	283	21	171	11	240	12	182	
12—	9	..	5	..	11	..	13	..	10	..	32	..	9	..	33	..	202	50	53	13	61	15	18	4	16	4	72	51	11	32	3	18	47	169	24	153	15	159	18	127	2	124	4	161	
13—	7	..	4	..	8	..	10	..	8	..	24	..	7	..	25	..	182	45	39	10	44	11	21	5	8	2	78	30	9	32	15	6	65	101	39	169	19	151	25	101	12	111	16	164	
14—	4	..	2	..	6	..	6	..	5	..	16	..	5	..	16	..	122	30	26	7	22	5	9	2	12	3	49	18	11	19	19	3	42	62	40	134	22	148	35	67	27	85	24	123	
15—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	112	28	7	1	23	4	3	4	3	1	10	36	18	73	13	77	8	44	10	67	14	117		
16—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	Over 15 years 19684	
Total of New Cases and Reinforcing Doses	321	15	175	9	434	31	543	54	450	65	1297	203	657	149	1251	262	6606	1650	3177	702	2857	470	2016	179	2061	136	2825	866	2190	889	2313	480	2730	2320	1868	2264	2039	3206	1929	2086	1755	2662	*114 1548		27 2641
GRAND TOTAL EACH YEAR	336		184		465		597		515		1500		806		1513		8256		3879		3327		2195		2197		3691		3079		2793		5050		4132		5245		4015		4417		*141 4189		62522
																																											4330		

N.C. = New Cases  
 P.I. = Previously Immunised  
       (Reinforcing Doses)  
 \* = Triple Immunisation

GRAND TOTAL OF CHILDREN IMMUNISED 1933 — 1954  
 NEW CASES .. .. . 41,156  
 REINFORCING DOSES .. .. . 21,366  
 GRAND TOTAL .. 62,522





## (c) VACCINATION

In accordance with a Ministry recommendation, the Vaccination proposals under Section 26 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, have been amended during the period under review, to include arrangements for the vaccination and re-vaccination of certain classes of workers, as may be decided by the authority, either in individual cases by general practitioner or at specially arranged sessions.

During the past year the number of vaccinations and re-vaccinations performed in the Borough have shown a decrease compared with the previous year. Propaganda has been maintained throughout the year by means of posters, leaflets and personal persuasion by Medical and Nursing Staffs at Child Welfare Clinics. In spite of all efforts the response is still unsatisfactory and there is still room for considerable improvement, particularly in the case of children under one year.

Vaccinations and Inoculations have also been carried out by the Medical Staff of the Health Department to meet the requirements of business representatives travelling abroad on behalf of their employers.

Details of the number of vaccinations performed during 1954 are given below :

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2-4	5-14	15 and over	Total
Vaccinated ..	749	25	22	23	50	869
Re-vaccinated ..	—	1	4	8	128	141
Totals .. ..	749	26	26	31	178	1010

\* Number of vaccinations or re-vaccinations performed by  
Medical Practitioners .. .. . 293

Number of vaccinations or re-vaccinations performed at  
Infant Welfare Centres, etc. .. .. . 664

Number of vaccinations performed by Medical Staff of the  
Health Department .. .. . 53

In addition, the undermentioned inoculations were also performed by the Medical Staff of the Health Department.

T.A.B. Vaccine .. .. .	16
Cholera Vaccine .. .. .	27
Typhus Vaccine .. .. .	7

No cases of generalised vaccinia, post vaccinal Encephalomyelitis or deaths from other complications were reported during 1954.

The total amount of fees paid to Medical Practitioners in respect of vaccinations performed in 1954 was £68 10s. 0d.

The arrangements for vaccinations are the same as in previous years.

(d) TUBERCULOSIS  
PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1952

PART I.—Summary of notifications of Tuberculosis during the period from the 1st January, 1954, to the 31st December, 1954, in the County Borough of Stockport.

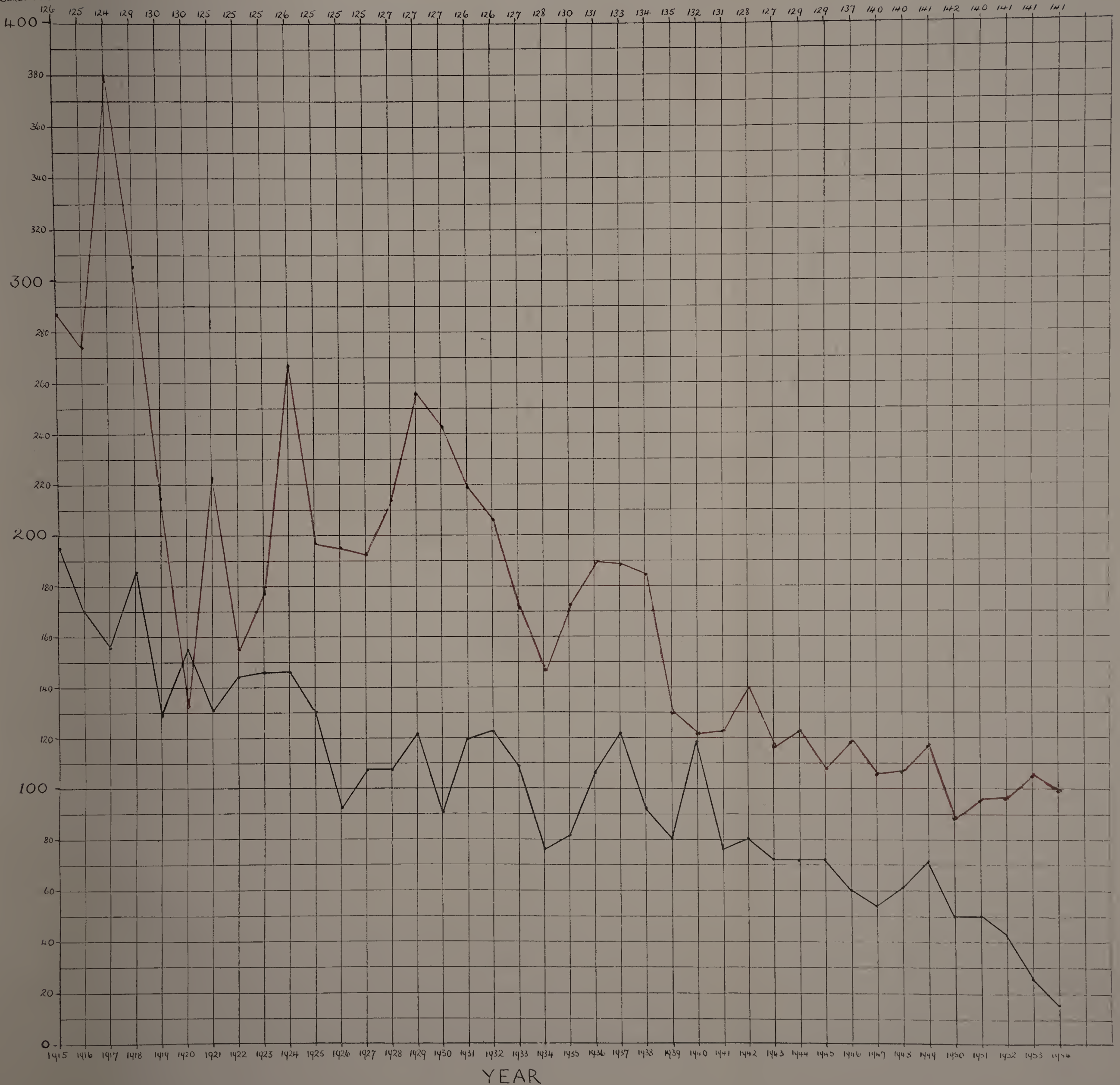
AGE PERIODS	Formal Notifications													
	Number of Primary Notifications of new cases of Tuberculosis													
	0—	1—	2—	5—	10—	15—	20—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75—	Total (all ages)
Respiratory, Males.....	—	—	2	1	2	10	6	7	9	7	7	3	—	54
Respiratory, Females.....	—	—	—	1	1	9	10	11	4	2	—	—	—	38
Non-Respiratory, Males...	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5
Non-Respiratory, Females.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2

# INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS

## FROM 1915 TO 1954

CASES  
OF  
TUBERCULOSIS

POPULATION IN THOUSANDS



RED LINE = NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS  
BLACK LINE = DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS.









## PART III.—Notification Register

Number of cases of Tuberculosis remaining at the 31st December, 1954, on the Register of Notifications kept by the Medical Officer of Health.....	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Cases
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
	467	385	852	154	150	304	1156
Number of cases removed from the Register during the year by reason <i>inter alia</i> of:—							
1. Withdrawal of notification....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Recovery from the disease....	5	4	9	2	2	4	13
3. Deaths (All Causes).....	8	4	12	3	2	5	17
4. Outward Transfers.....	7	5	12	1	—	1	13
5. Otherwise (Lost Sight of, etc.)	—	3	3	—	—	—	3

### (e) BURIAL OF UNCLAIMED BODIES

During the year the Local Health Authority undertook the burial of two male adults. The cost of both funerals was borne by the Corporation, but as the Death Grant becomes payable in more cases, the financial responsibility for this particular service should gradually reduce. The Hospital Management Committee has power to arrange and pay for the funerals of unclaimed bodies, where such deaths occur in hospital.

### (f) WELFARE OF THE BLIND

The Council's responsibility under the provisions of the National Assistance Act, 1948, for the Welfare of the Blind and other Classes of Handicapped Persons, is exercised through the Welfare Committee, under a scheme approved by the Minister of Health on the 27th May, 1949.

The number of blind and partially-sighted persons on the register in the Borough on the 31st December, 1954, was 292 and 26 respectively. All persons before registration are examined and certified to be blind or partially-sighted by a registered medical practitioner with special experience in ophthalmology.

Blind persons are taught to read books in Braille and Moon Type by two Home Teachers who have passed the examination of the College of Teachers of the Blind. These teachers, appointed by the Welfare Committee, also assist blind persons in pastime occupations and generally help to promote their welfare.

Under an agreement with the Local Institute for the Blind, arrangements have been made for the employment of suitable blind persons in the workshops for the blind, provided by this voluntary organisation. The earnings of persons thus employed are augmented by the Welfare Committee.

Facilities are available for blind persons to carry out work in their own homes.

Stockport participates in a " Placement Service " organised by the Royal National Institute for the Blind. Under this scheme the capabilities of each blind person are assessed and suitable cases are referred to an appropriate centre for rehabilitation, followed by a course of industrial training. The Special Placement Officers of the Institute, in co-operation with the Local Authority's Chief Welfare Officer and the Ministry of Labour, endeavour to classify the person as suitable for open industry or sheltered employment. Persons placed in open industry become self-reliant and self-supporting. For those less capable, employment in special workshops is found. These persons do not compete with



the sighted worker and their earnings are augmented up to a reasonable standard by the Welfare Committee.

The general social welfare of the blind is provided directly by the Welfare Committee or by arrangements with the various local and national organisations. Blind persons are assisted and encouraged to make use of any general and preventive medical treatment which they may require. Embossed literature is provided, social and handicraft classes are held and a special chiropody and domestic help service is provided.

The following table, prepared in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 2/53 dated 22nd January, 1954, gives details of the incidence and follow-up of blind and partially-sighted persons in the Borough during 1954.

Newly Registered Blind Persons .. .. .	43
Newly Registered Partially-sighted Persons ..	8
	—
	51
	—

#### A. Follow-up of Registered Blind and Partially-sighted Persons

(1) Number of Cases registered during the year in respect of which para. 7 (c) of Forms B.D.8 recommends :—	Cause of Disability				Total
	Cataract	Glaucoma	Retrolental Fibroplasia	Others	
(a) No treatment	4	6	—	15	25
(b) Treatment (medical, surgical or optical)	13	1	—	8	22
(2) Number of Cases at (1) (b) above which on follow-up action have received treatment.	8	1	—	2	11

NOTE.—Of the 51 Newly Registered Cases two died and two left the district during the year.



**B. Ophthalmia Neonatorum**

- (1) Total number of cases notified during the year .. Nil
- (2) Number of cases in which—
- (a) Vision lost
- (b) Vision impaired
- (c) Treatment continuing at end of year .. .. Nil

**(g) SPASTICS AND EPILEPTICS**

Investigation into the problem of the incidence of cerebral palsy and epilepsy has not been very fruitful, and the figures in the tables below must be taken as approximate.

In order to assess the position as accurately as possible, Hospitals, Clinics, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of National Insurance and the Juvenile Employment Bureau have been contacted, but unfortunately the information available in these departments is of such a confidential nature that it is not disclosed even to Public Health Departments, so that in order to augment our Infant Welfare and School Clinic records, a circular letter to the General Practitioners was sent out asking for their co-operation in helping us to assess the problem. Even here, the response has not been very enthusiastic as practitioners are loath to hand over particulars of their patients to Local Authorities.

There is no doubt that there is a tremendous wealth of information in relation to the incidence of sickness in the hands of the Ministry of National Insurance, and it seems that if a means of more accurate certification was evolved, e.g. coding of diseases, and such information was made available to the Medical Officer of Health, he could have a very accurate picture of the incidence of any disease in his own area at any particular time.

It is apparent from the difficulties encountered during the process of this investigation, that in order to assess the problems for the care of spastic and epileptic persons, some form of registration is desirable.

**Incidence of Spastics**

The position in relation to the incidence of Spastic Children has not altered materially during the year and the following table gives the age distribution of Spastics who are known through the Infant Welfare and School Health Departments.

		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Under 5 years	..	3	2	5
5 to 15 years	.. ..	17	20	37
15 and over	.. ..	10	6	16
		—	—	—
Totals	..	30	28	58
		—	—	—

Clinical and diagnostic services are available at the Duchess of York Hospital for Babies, Manchester ; Stockport Infirmary and Stepping Hill Hospital Paediatric Clinics ; Marple Orthopaedic Hospital ; and the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury. A full-time Physiotherapist is employed in the Maternity and Child Welfare Department and her services are available for the treatment of spastics as and when required. A full-time speech therapist is employed by the Education Department and she undertakes work in connection with spastic children.

The undermentioned institutions are at present being utilised by the Education Committee :

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Burton Hill House, Malmsbury ..	—	1
Coney Hill Home, Margate ..	2	—
Hinwick Hall, Wellingborough ..	1	—
	—	—
Total .. ..	3	1
	—	—

In April, 1954, it was decided by the Health and Education Committees, that facilities should be granted to the National Spastics Society for the establishment of a clinic and training centre for spastic children in the Stockport area, and that Heaton Moor Clinic be made available to them for three sessions per week free of charge. The provision of staff and equipment is the financial responsibility of the National Spastics Society.

### Incidence of Epilepsy

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Under 5 years ..	6	3	9
5 to 15 years .. ..	24	20	44
15 and over .. ..	41	51	92
	—	—	—
Totals ..	71	74	145
	—	—	—

Diagnostic and treatment services are available for epileptic children under school age, at the Duchess of York Hospital, Manchester ; Stockport Infirmary ; Stepping Hill Hospital, and the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury. Treatment is also arranged at the Manchester Royal Infirmary Neurological Unit which is one of the best equipped departments in the country.

At the present time, colony care is being provided by the Education Committee for epileptic persons of school age, as follows :

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Maghull Epileptic Colony .. ..	1	—
St. Elizabeth's Home for Epileptics ..	—	1
Lingfield Epileptic Colony .. ..	3	—
Colthurst House, Warford .. ..	—	1
	—	—
Totals .. ..	4	2
	—	—

Colony provision for adult persons suffering from epilepsy is undertaken by the Welfare Committee, and at present ten persons are accommodated in the undermentioned institutions :

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
David Lewis Epileptic Colony, Alderley Edge .. ..	4	4
Maghull Epileptic Colony .. ..	—	1
Langho Epileptic Colony, Blackburn	1	—
	—	—
Total .. ..	5	5
	—	—

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SECTION VI.

**Maternity and Child Welfare**

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## SECTION VI

**Maternity and Child Welfare.****(A) GENERAL****(a) Notification of Births**

2,910 births were notified. This number of notifications shows a decrease of 53 on those for 1953. The following table shows where these births occurred :

<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Borough Cases</i>	<i>Cases outside Borough</i>	<i>Total</i>
IN INSTITUTIONS :			
Stepping Hill Hospital .. ..	1,021	794	1,815
Nursing Homes .. .. .	87	87	174
Total .. .. .	1,108	881	1,989
AT HOME :			
Municipal Midwives .. ..	917	—	917
Independent Midwives .. ..	2	—	2
Doctor's cases with Maternity Nurses .. .. .	1	—	1
Other Persons .. .. .	1	—	1
Total .. .. .	921	—	921
Grand Total .. ..	2,029	881	2,910

**(b) Still-Births**

The number of still-births registered belonging to the Borough was 50 of which 48 were legitimate and 2 illegitimate.

**(c) Maternal Deaths**

The number of women who died in, or in consequence of child-birth was 2 which gives a Maternal mortality rate of 0.92 per 1,000 total births.

The cause of death in each of the above cases was as follows :  
Acute partum haemorrhage, Placenta praevia, Gross Hyperpiesis,  
Chronic Nephritis, Old Toxaemia of Pregnancy.



**(d) Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics**

Eight combined Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics are held weekly at the following Centres :

Churchgate House  
Reddish  
Edgeley  
Adswood  
Great Moor  
Heaton Chapel  
Heaton Norris  
Brinnington

The attendances of patients at these Clinics are as follows :

1,493 expectant mothers made 8,460 attendances at the Ante-Natal Clinics as compared with 1,382 and 7,646 in 1953.

124 examinations were carried out at the Post-Natal Clinics during the year under review as compared with 131 in 1953.

These figures do not include women attending at the Stepping Hill Hospital Clinics.

**(e) Health Visitors**

## SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE HEALTH VISITORS

Total number of houses visited	..	..	..	..	..	38,226
First visits under 1 year	..	..	..	..	..	2,086
Total visits under 1 year	..	..	..	..	..	8,214
Visits to Children (1-2 years)	..	..	..	..	..	7,390
Visits to Children (2-5 years)	..	..	..	..	..	19,092
First visits to Tuberculosis Patients	..	..	..	..	..	119
Care and After-care Visits	..	..	..	..	..	2,351
Visits to Minor Infectious Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	500
Visits to Outworkers	..	..	..	..	..	152
School Lectures	..	..	..	..	..	62
Mothercraft Lectures	..	..	..	..	..	33
Attendances at Welfare Centres	..	..	..	..	..	2,434
Attendances at Immunisation Clinics	..	..	..	..	..	47
Attendances at Superannuation Clinics	..	..	..	..	..	32
Aged Persons	..	..	..	..	..	980
Unclassified Visits	..	..	..	..	..	826

**(f) Child Life Protection (Sections 206 to 220 of the Public Health Act, 1936)**

The Children's Officer is now the responsible Officer for carrying out these duties under the Children's Committee.

The Deputy Medical Officer of Health is the Medical Officer for the Children's Homes in the Borough and visits are made at periodic intervals, also special visits where necessary.

**(g) Child Welfare Clinics**

19 sessions are held weekly at 11 centres. The number of new cases entered in the registers was 1,780, the total weighings 34,773.

The number of children up to five years of age on the register is 4,448.

Arrangements are made whereby each toddler can receive a thorough examination each year, on the lines of the routine School Medical Inspection. In 1954, 1,992 toddlers received such an examination, compared with 2,266 in 1953. There is still room for expansion in this work, and parents do not yet fully appreciate the value of this routine medical inspection.

Two physiotherapists, one full-time, the other part-time, attend at five of the Welfare Centres, holding 10 sessions each week for massage treatment. The number of children on the register during the year was 166 and the total number of treatments given to these children was 3,953.

2 sessions per week at the Churchgate Welfare Centre are devoted to Sunlight Treatment. During the year under review the number of children under five years on the register was 37, and the number of treatments 615. 106 schoolchildren also attended for sunlight treatment and the number of treatments given was 1,845.

#### CHILD WELFARE CENTRES, 1954

<i>Centre</i>	<i>New Cases</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Total Weighings</i>	<i>Total Attendances</i>	<i>Medical Consultations</i>	<i>Special Toddlers' Examinations</i>
Churchgate ..	223	486	3,801	4,335	1,325	218
Portwood .. ..	70	140	1,315	1,488	348	63
Reddish .. ..	312	927	6,569	7,001	2,276	436
Edgeley .. ..	198	459	3,817	4,275	1,253	168
Heaton Norris ..	175	365	2,772	3,109	1,023	136
Adswood .. ..	154	399	3,089	3,404	1,027	184
Great Moor ..	197	536	4,213	4,696	1,287	297
Heaton Mersey ..	72	182	1,409	1,501	484	104
Heaton Chapel ..	181	488	3,852	4,082	1,431	187
Cheadle Heath ..	109	261	2,427	2,557	757	129
Brinnington ..	89	205	1,509	1,554	364	70
Totals .. ..	1,780	4,448	34,773	38,002	11,575	1,992

#### (h) Immunisation

##### (i) Diphtheria Immunisation

Facilities for Diphtheria Immunisation are provided at all Infant Welfare Centres.

During the year 1954, 1,127 children under five years received Primary Diphtheria Immunisation, and 187 reinforcing dose (these children have been previously immunised).

None of these children were Schick tested.

Table on page 55 gives comprehensive figures of children immunised for 1933-1954 by age groups.



**(ii) Whooping Cough Immunisation**

The following table gives details of Whooping Cough immunisations carried out during 1954 :

Age at date of Immunisation	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
New Cases	671	90	18	7	9	3	—	—	798
Reinforcing doses	—	367	204	98	49	15	—	2	735

**(iii) Triple Antigen—Diphtheria—Tetanus—Pertussis**

In July 1954 immunisation against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough was started, using the Triple Antigen.

This reduces the number of inoculations required and there is the additional protection against Tetanus.

The following table gives details of immunisations done using Triple Antigen :

Age at date of Immunisation	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	Total
Primary doses	101	10	2	—	1	—	—	—	114
Reinforcing doses	—	11	4	1	7	3	—	1	27

**(i) Treatment of the Pre-School Child****Co-operation of School Medical Service**

During the year under review the School Medical Service co-operated wholeheartedly with the Child Welfare Service, providing facilities for Intelligence Tests, Dental Treatment and Eye Testing for the pre-school child. Appointments have also been made for pre-school children to attend Ear, Nose and Throat sessions at the School Clinic.

**Provision for the Treatment of Verminous Heads in the Pre-School Child**

The number of infected heads discovered during the year was 13, all in the course of home visitation by Health Visitors. In all cases facilities for treatment were provided by the Maternity and Child Welfare Department by the supply of hair shampoo and the loan of sacker combs. In every instance remedy was speedily effected.

**(j) The Stockport Voluntary Committee for Maternity and Child Welfare**

This Committee again rendered valuable assistance at the Welfare Centres during the year. Classes were also held for the purpose of giving mothers instruction in cooking, sewing, dressmaking, home nursing and child management.

The Committee give financial assistance for convalescence accommodation for mothers with their babies.

The work undertaken by this Committee is greatly appreciated.

(m) DENTAL TREATMENT

(a) Numbers provided with dental care :

	Examined	Needing Treatment	Treated	Made Dentally Fit
Expectant and Nursing Mothers.....	86	86	86	58
Children under Five.....	283	247	247	238

(b) Forms of dental treatment provided :

	Extractions	General Anaesthetics	Fillings	Scalings or Scaling and Gum Treatment	Silver Nitrate Treatment	Radiographs	Dentures Provided		Crowns or Inlays
							Complete	Partial	
Expectant and Nursing Mothers	549	32	54	18	—	1	31	10	—
Children under Five.....	283	88	240	—	70	—	—	—	—

Number of Dental Clinics in operation at end of year .. 2  
Total number of Sessions devoted to M. and C.W. cases 104



**(k) Supply of Dried Milk**

Various proprietary brands of dried milk are sold at the Clinics at cost price plus ten per cent. for handling charges. The amount supplied is restricted to the quantity required by the individual child.

21,380 lbs. of dried milk have been supplied this year as compared with 26,299 lbs. in 1953. The sale of National Dried Milk at cheap rates, over the past few years, has caused this reduction.

**(l) Supply of Welfare Foods**

On 28th June, 1954, the distribution of all Welfare Foods—National Dried Milk, Cod-liver Oil, Vitamins A and D, Orange Juice—was transferred to the Local Health Authority by the Ministry of Food.

The Welfare Foods are supplied at all 11 Welfare Centres, with additional distribution points at the Welfare Food Shop, Brown Street, and W.V.S. Office, Norbury Street.

The issues for the six months ending 31st December, 1954, are as follows :

National Dried Milk	..	30,355 lbs.
Cod-liver Oil	.. ..	8,768 bottles
Orange Juice	.. ..	37,684 bottles
Vitamins A and D	.. ..	2,421 packets

**(n) (i) Handicapped Children**

During the year under review special consideration has been given to the care and attention of children born with mental and physical defects. Seventeen such children were brought to the notice of the Maternity and Child Welfare Medical Staff, suffering from defects as follows :

Mental Defects	.. ..	3
Limb Deformities	.. ..	8
Congenital Heart	.. ..	1
Other Defects	.. ..	5

Certain of the children have been undergoing treatment at Stepping Hill Hospital and the Stockport Infirmary, and all cases have been visited by the Health Visitors.

**(n) (ii) Blind Children**

There was one blind baby brought to the notice of this department during the past year.

The Health Visitors have made regular visits to the homes of these unfortunate children.

**(o) Home Accidents**

The arrangement commenced in June 1952, under which Stockport Infirmary undertook to notify the admission of patients suffering from burns and scalds, as a result of accidents, was continued during the year.

During the period under review 6 such cases were reported, comprising 3 children and 3 adults.

Quite a large proportion of these accidents could have been avoided, if even the most elementary precautions had been taken, particularly so in the case of children.

Health Visitors have continued to pay follow-up visits to the homes of children involved in accidents, offering advice to ensure the avoidance of a repetition of such accidents.

During normal routine visits the Health Visitors have also stressed to the parents the absolute necessity of taking all possible precautions to avoid accidents happening in the home and have been frequently called upon to give advice on treatment in cases where accidents have already taken place.

**(p) Infant Mortality**

1954. Deaths from stated causes at various ages under 1 year of age :

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 9 months	9 months and under 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
All Causes.....	48	4	..	2	54	11	8	3	3	79
Asphyxia .....	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
Birth Injuries.....	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage..	3	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4
Congenital Malformations	2	1	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	4
Convulsions.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Diseases, Early Infancy.	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
Pneumonia, All Forms..	..	1	..	..	1	7	5	2	1	16
Premature Births.....	32	..	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	32
Heart Diseases .....	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Other Diseases.....	5	1	..	1	7	2	1	1	2	13



**(B) MIDWIFERY****(a) Municipal Domiciliary Midwifery Service**

The arrangements for this Service were similar to previous years.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Municipal Midwives during 1954 :

Visits to Expectant Mothers	..	..	..	..	..	4,141
Attendances at Ante-Natal Clinics	..	..	..	..	..	1,016
Interviews at Midwives' Homes	..	..	..	..	..	1,034
Patients delivered	..	..	..	..	..	917
Visits during Puerperium	..	..	..	..	..	15,343
Special Visits, unclassified	..	..	..	..	..	761

**(b) Supervision of Midwives**

During the year 62 midwives gave notice of their intention to practise in the Borough. These include 37 at Stepping Hill Hospital, and 4 at Nursing Homes. 1 midwife residing outside the Borough gave notice of her intention to practise within the Borough.

During the year the number of applications by Midwives for Medical assistance was 120, compared with 118 in 1953.

**(c) Supervision of Nursing Homes**

6 Nursing Homes were registered in the Borough at the end of 1954. One new application was received during the year. These Homes are inspected at four-monthly intervals by the Assistant Medical Officer of Health for Maternity and Child Welfare, due attention being paid to premises, equipment and registers.

**(d) Care of Premature Babies****(i) Domiciliary Deliveries**

The premature child is nursed at home if its condition is satisfactory. Special draught-proof cots are provided by the Health Department with hot water bottles and blankets and other necessary equipment. The midwife attending the case devotes extra time and care to the child and continues visiting until the baby is progressing normally. Training for midwives in the care of premature babies is available at the Duchess of York Hospital, Burnage.

Any premature baby which is considered to be in need of hospital treatment is removed by ambulance. The baby travels in a special cot under the care of the midwife and oxygen is available for use during the journey.

Number of premature babies born on the district	..	..	48
Number still-born	..	..	7
Number died under 24 hours	..	..	—
Number died between 1st and 28th day	..	..	2
Number living after 28 days	..	..	24
Number transferred to Hospital (7 survived)	..	..	15



**(ii) Hospital Deliveries**

Premature babies born in hospital are detained until their condition is satisfactory and notice of their impending discharge is notified to the Medical Officer of Health. Particulars of feeding and any special recommendations are also conveyed to the Department. Such cases are followed up by the Health Visitor of the District in which the child resides.

Number of premature babies born in hospital	.. ..	248
Number of premature babies surviving	.. ..	159
Number of premature still-births	.. ..	46
Number of premature still-births who died after 24 hours		43

**(e) Blood Investigation**

Blood investigations were carried out on all cases attending ante-natal clinics during the year. Blood was investigated for Rhesus classification, Wasserman reaction and Haemoglobin levels.

During this period 1,165 samples of blood were taken for Rhesus Testing, of this number 208 were Rh. Negative. Only 11 of these women showed the presence of antibodies and they were transferred to Stepping Hill Hospital. All the babies born to these Rh. Negative women were alive and well.

The number of Wasserman reaction and Kahn tests carried out during the year was 1,178. 3 positive results were obtained from this group and these patients were referred to the Special Clinic for further investigation and treatment when necessary.

**Haemoglobin Level (Method, Haldane)**

1,165 Haemoglobin estimations were made. The following table gives an analysis of Haemoglobin levels in this group :

%											No. of Cases
40— 49	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
50— 59	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
60— 69	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	121
70— 79	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	315
80— 89	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	483
90— 99	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	181
100—109	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
110—119	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0

All expectant mothers are encouraged to take iron tablets during the last few months of pregnancy. Those with low Haemoglobins are treated throughout the pregnancy.

Particulars are given below of Rhesus Tests and Wasserman Tests of Stockport women attending the Ante-natal Clinic at Stepping Hill Hospital during 1954 :

Number of Rhesus Tests—922 ; Negative 165 ; Positive 757.  
 Number of Kahn Tests—922 ; Positive 6.  
 Number of Wasserman Tests—6 ; Positive 4 ; Negative 2.

The above figures do not include booked cases who later aborted or cancelled for any reason.

### (C) HOME NURSING SERVICE

During the year the public demand for the Home Nursing Service has increased. It is pleasing to report that all calls upon the service have been met despite this heavy demand.

The headquarters of the Home Nursing Service is situated at 39 Greek Street, Stockport, and the premises are owned by the Corporation. There is accommodation for 8 nursing staff the remainder being non-resident, but reporting twice daily for briefing and giving reports of patients conditions to the Superintendent. In spite of the increased number of visits paid to patients and the particularly inclement weather conditions during the year there has been no leave of absence due to sickness.

A member of the staff is on duty until 10 p.m. to attend to emergency calls and give nursing attention to those patients requiring late evening injections. In the case of night duty a nurse is on call for special emergency.

The Home is approved as a training centre by the Queen's Institute of District Nursing and a number of students have been trained during the year, all of whom have been successful in the examinations set by the Institute.

There has been no difficulty in the recruitment of staff and it is hoped to be able to increase the number of Home Nurses with the demand.

#### Transport

Each nurse provides her own transport. 2 nurses using motor assisted cycles, the Assistant Superintendent and the remainder of the nurses using bicycles, for which a payment is made by the Corporation to the nurse. Casual user motor car allowances were approved for the Superintendent.

#### DETAILS OF SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE YEAR, 1954

##### Summary of patients nursed

	<i>Cases Nursed</i>					<i>Visits Paid</i>	
Medical .. .. .	1,136	..	19,436				
Surgical .. .. .	1,343	..	23,486				
Operations .. .. .	4	..	26				
Totals .. .. .	2,483	..	42,948				

**Work carried out month by month as follows :**

MONTH	<i>Number of patients carried forward at beginning of month</i>	<i>Number of New Cases</i>	<i>Total number nursed during the month</i>	<i>Nursing visits paid</i>
January	303	209	512	3,343
February	301	216	517	3,446
March	313	167	480	3,024
April	315	191	506	3,490
May	322	171	493	3,375
June	317	166	483	3,500
July	334	187	521	3,416
August	351	164	515	3,679
September	341	158	499	3,821
October	343	186	529	3,750
November	365	170	535	3,970
December	387	195	582	4,134
		2,180		42,948

**Outcome of cases ceasing to be nursed :**

MONTH	<i>Convalescent</i>	<i>Hospital</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Removed from books for other causes</i>
January	141	22	38	10
February	131	24	31	18
March	110	23	19	13
April	141	15	13	15
May	122	24	21	9
June	95	19	23	12
July	108	21	25	16
August	106	23	28	17
September	97	19	26	14
October	98	26	27	13
November	83	23	29	13
December	103	38	21	20
	1,335	277	301	170

**Included in the summary are :**

Tuberculosis Patients	41	Visits paid	2,008
Patients over 65 years	1,104	Visits paid	23,047
Patients under 5 years	84	Visits paid	568

417 patients had over 24 visits paid to them. A total of 28,313 visits were made to these patients the majority of whom were over 65 years of age.



Although the actual number of New Cases nursed has increased only slightly the number of visits paid by the nurses has increased by 4,958, the increased visits being mainly to the elderly sick. Many of these patients are incontinent and in poor general condition thus entailing heavy nursing under difficult and very trying home conditions.

### Nursing Equipment

1,099 articles of nursing equipment have been issued to Patients in their own homes.

In the majority of cases the loan was made to ease the work of the Home Nurse in her routine nursing care of the patient.

No charge was made for the loan of articles, all having been provided by the voluntary committee of the Stockport Sick Poor Nursing Association.

The equipment available for use include :

Bed-pans, Bed-rests, Bed cradles, Bed blocks, Bed tables, Dunlopillo Mattresses, Dunlopillo Rings, Air rings, Douche apparatus, Crutches, Commodes, Cotton Draw Sheets, Hot water bottles, Feeding cups, Raising apparatus, Rubber sheets, Tan-sad Invalid chairs, Sand bags, Splints, Steam kettles, Spinal carriage, Walking aids.

Blankets, sheets, night-dresses, pyjamas, and extra nourishment have also been given to elderly and Tuberculosis patients, by the voluntary committee.

### (D) HOME HELP SERVICE

On the 31st December, 1954 the staff of the Home Help Service consisted of—one Organiser—eight full-time Home Helps and twenty-seven part-time Home Helps. The following table gives an analysis of the type of work which has been undertaken by this Service during the year.

1954	<i>Maternity</i>	<i>Chronic and Old Age</i>	<i>Tuberculosis</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Total</i>
January	7	63	4	6	80
February	10	71	3	6	90
March	10	73	3	6	92
April	11	83	4	2	100
May	12	84	4	2	102
June	7	82	6	5	100
July	6	92	4	5	107
August	9	84	3	12	108
September	14	90	3	11	118
October	9	94	4	12	119
November	7	106	4	16	133
December	5	109	3	20	137
	107	1,031	45	103	1,286

There is no doubt that the demand which has been made on this Service during the year indicates that there is need for expansion, and from the details in the statistical table it will be seen that there is a growing demand on this Service, particularly in connection with the care of the elderly. The following financial summary gives a complete account of the cost of the Service and indicates that there is a fairly high degree of financial recovery in relation to the maternity cases.

<i>Details of Service</i>				<i>Free Service</i>		<i>Charge of 1/- per ½-day</i>		
1954								
January	..	..	..	37	..	15		
February	..	..	..	38	..	19		
March	..	..	..	37	..	22		
April	..	..	..	46	..	23		
May	..	..	..	47	..	27		
June	..	..	..	50	..	30		
July	..	..	..	48	..	39		
August	..	..	..	50	..	37		
September	..	..	..	55	..	37		
October	..	..	..	59	..	37		
November	..	..	..	68	..	36		
December	..	..	..	67	..	36		
				602	..	358		

<i>Type of Case</i>				<i>No.</i>		<i>Amount Recovered</i>		
						£	s.	d.
Maternity	..	..	..	107	..	497	0	2
Domestic	..	..	..	1,179	..	588	2	3
				1,286	..	£1,085	2	5

The cost of this Service to the individual is dictated by a scale which is laid down by the Association of Municipal Corporations. In very many instances because of the poor financial circumstances of many people who request this service, the service must be given free but in some instances, in order to satisfy the recipients a token fee of one shilling is accepted.

There is no doubt from the information which reaches the Department through the general medical practitioners and health visitors, that this Service, even although at present excellent in quality, will have to be strengthened numerically in order that it may be able to face the demands on it in the coming years.

The expansion of the Service will probably entail the employment of more part-time workers, and recently more people have come forward to offer their services for this type of work. This increase in the number of staff, both full-time and part-time, together with the number of additional cases which will be taken on, no doubt will be an additional strain on the administrative machinery in connection with this Service and it may well be that this position will have to be kept under constant review throughout the imminent future.

**(E) DAY NURSERIES**

The total attendances of children at the Daw Bank and Whitehill Nurseries for 1954 are given below, together with the comparative figure for 1953.

	1954	1953
Daw Bank Nursery .. .. .	6,543	10,114
Whitehill Nursery .. .. .	10,217	9,944

REPORT OF ATTENDANCES FROM JANUARY TO  
DECEMBER, 1954

	<i>Daw Bank Children 6 months—2 years</i>	<i>Whitehill Children 6 months—2 years</i>
Approved Accommodation ..	35	52
Total Attendances during the year .. .. .	6,543	10,217
Average Daily Attendances for period .. .. .	26.71	41.53
Maximum Daily Attendance ..	36	49
	(9/11/54)	(23/3/54)
Amount of Fees .. .. .	£820 : 12 : 6	£1,273 : 15 : 0
Days Open .. .. .	245	246

The reduction in attendances at Daw Bank Day Nursery, when compared with the 1953 figure is the result of the closure of part of the nursery at the Trades Hall, which was derequisitioned in December 1953.

The reciprocal arrangements between Stockport County Borough and the Cheshire County Council (i.e. the admission of children to the Nurseries from their respective areas providing accommodation is available) are still in force, but there have been no cases during the year under review.





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SECTION VII.

**Mental Health Services**

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## SECTION VII

**Mental Health Services.****(a) Introduction**

Since the inception of the Mental Health Service steady progress has been made in all sections and a firm foundation laid upon which to develop and extend the work.

In the mental health field there has been, from time to time, difficulty in obtaining admission of patients to mental hospitals. The greatest problem has been that of providing accommodation for the border-line senile demented. Many of these cases being unsuitable for Part III Accommodation, even if a vacancy had been found for them. Other cases of this nature, suffering from physical illness, have been admitted to Chronic Sick Wards or requests made for priority on the waiting list. Cases not suitable under either of these categories have been referred to the Health Department for visits by the Health Visitor, Domestic Help Service, or Home Nursing Service.

The attendance of a Consultant Psychiatrist at St. Thomas' and Stepping Hill Hospitals has proved a great boon. Full advantage is taken of this service and an increasing number of cases are dealt with as out-patients. These Clinics are working to full capacity and domiciliary consultations are given by the Consultant Psychiatrist in the more urgent cases—these are invaluable in early diagnosis and treatment. The inter-change of information between the Consultant Psychiatrist and Duly Authorised Officers takes place as occasion arises.

In the mental deficiency field the main difficulty has been that of finding accommodation in institutions for mental defectives. The Manchester Regional Hospitals Board has been helpful and co-operative in assisting this Authority whenever it has been within their power. The policy of Short Term Stay has helped, in a number of cases, to alleviate the difficulties of parents with children awaiting institutional care and those under statutory supervision.

A close and friendly liaison exists between this Service and :

(a) **Corporation Departments**—information and advice is freely inter-changed with all departments. This covers angles regarding Welfare, Housing, Health, Education, Police, etc.

(b) **Local Hospitals**—full co-operation exists between the three hospitals in the town. Cases, after investigation, found to be suffering from physical illness are usually admitted to Chronic Sick Wards. Other cases, with symptoms doubtful in character from a purely mental illness angle, are admitted for observation. This has been of great value in the early diagnosis of serious physical disorders and obviating the detention of such cases in a mental hospital. Nursing staff is provided in the removal of patients from hospitals. There is a free, but confidential, inter-change of patients' records, X-Ray films, etc.

During the year under review, an increasing demand for beds for cases of mental illness has been made on the Medical Superintendent, Parkside Hospital, Macclesfield—in control of the Bed Bureau for this



County Borough—and appreciation must be expressed here for the consideration and co-operation afforded this Service.

(c) **Medical Practitioners**—full use is made of the Mental Health Services in the County Borough. There is a rapidly growing tendency for local Medical Practitioners to contact this Service in the early stage of a patient's mental illness. This, in conjunction with domiciliary visits by the Consultant Psychiatrist, visits to Clinics, and Out-patient treatment, enables many patients to be restored to health without hospitalisation. Co-operation with the Medical Practitioners is one of the strongest links in the chain of preventive work in the mental health field.

(d) **Government Departments and Voluntary Organisations**—Contacts of a reciprocal nature are maintained with these Departments and Organisations. In particular with Government Departments regarding problems of employment, re-habilitation, national assistance, probation, etc. Contact is made with the appropriate Organisation in problems connected with moral welfare, marriage guidance, N.S.P.C.C., R.S.P.C.A., etc.

(e) **Public**—an increasing number of the general public come of their own volition seeking advice, information, and help, in mental health and mental deficiency problems. This appears to be an indication of the awareness amongst the public of the advantages of taking early advice and treatment. The most pleasing point of this, however, is the apparent lessening of the fear and stigma of mental illness.

(f) **County and Borough Magistrates**—a friendly and useful relationship has been built up between the Magistrates and the Service. A note of appreciation must be expressed here for their keenness and willingness to give their services at all times whenever same has been requested.

The domiciliary service includes :

The ascertainment of cases of mental ill-health and mental deficiency.

The initial proceedings for obtaining detention and reception orders and transferring persons of unsound mind to establishments under the Regional Hospital Board and arranging interviews at Psychiatric Clinics.

The statutory supervision, provision of after-care, etc., of mental defectives living in the community.

The provision of occupational treatment for mental defectives.

## (b) **Administration**

(i) The Medical Officer under the direction of the Health Committee is responsible for the control of this Service. Meetings are held each month.

(ii) **Administrative Officer**—Medical Officer of Health (Part-time).

**Medical Officer**—(i) Medical Officer from nearest Mental Hospital under the Regional Hospital Board (Part-time) ; (ii) Senior Assistant School Medical Officer (Part-time).

In addition to the above, two Medical Officers of the Local Health Authority and three Medical Officers of the Regional Hospital Board are approved under Sections 3 and 5 of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, for the purpose of giving Medical Certificates.

Three Duly Authorised Officers—2 males and 1 female—are employed by the Local Health Authority. These Officers also act in the capacity of Mental Health Workers and Visitors.

(iii) Co-ordination is maintained with Regional Hospital Boards and Hospital Management Committees—the Local Health Authority providing the following reports :

- (a) Home conditions of patients who fall due each quarter for reconsideration by the Statutory Visitors under Section II.
- (b) Home conditions in respect of applications for Holiday or Trial leave.
- (c) Progress and Supervision Reports on patients who are absent from Institutions on Trial leave—usually at monthly intervals during the first three months and subsequently quarterly.

(iv) The Local Health Authority undertakes the pre-care work of cases reported and the after-care work of cases notified by the various mental institutions and hospitals. Regular supervisory visits being conducted. Full social histories of cases are compiled at the request of Medical Superintendents, and these are proving of great value in the treatment of such cases.

(v) The Local Health Authority undertakes all duties—none being delegated to Voluntary Associations.

(vi) Two of the three Duly Authorised Officers have attended a course at Calderstones Hospital on the various aspects of Mental Deficiency. During the year one Duly Authorised Officer attended a Short Term Course for Mental Health Workers at Holly Royde Residential College, Manchester.

### (c) Account of Work Undertaken in the Community

#### Mental Treatment

Number of patients in Mental Hospitals on the 31st

December, 1954 . . . . . 377

Details of Cases investigated and action taken by the Duly Authorised Officers during the year ended 31st December, 1954.

#### (i) Patients admitted to Mental Hospitals Certified

Patients (Section 16) . . . . . 39

Under Section 20 and subsequently certified.

(These are cases admitted for a period of three days on the sole responsibility and signature of the Duly Authorised Officers) . . . . . 7

Under Section 21 (Justices' Order) and subsequently certified. (These are cases admitted for a period of 14 days on the signature of a Justice of the Peace) . . . . . 4

Voluntary Patients (including patients admitted under Sections 20 and 21 who were accepted as Voluntary Patients at the expiration of the Orders) . . . . . 78

Discharged following period of Observation . . . . . 21

Died during period of observation . . . . . 6

Remaining under Observation on 31st December, 1954 . . . . . 2

— 157



(ii) Patients admitted to Hospital Sick Wards.. ..	21
Patients admitted to Part III, Accommodation at 59a, Shaw Heath .. .. .	4
Patients referred direct to Psychiatric Clinics	23
Patients referred for Home Consultation ..	11
Patients referred to other Departments of the Local Authority .. .. .	3
Patients referred to own Doctors .. .. .	13
Private Cases assisted with .. .. .	3
Cases investigated but no action deemed neces- sary or held in abeyance .. .. .	65
	<hr/> 300
Attendances, escorting patients to Psychiatric Clinics for examination .. .. .	13
Attendances, escorting patients to and from Psychiatric Clinics, out-patient treatment ..	94
Pre-care and Supervisory Visits .. .. .	769
Visits requested by Hospitals .. .. .	26
After-care visitation has been carried out in respect of cases discharged from Mental Hos- pitals, where the patient has consented to such procedure and the number of visits made in respect of these cases was .. .. .	169

A full 24 hour service is maintained by the Mental Health Service. A rota is issued weekly to General Hospitals in the town, Parkside Bed Bureau, Consultant Psychiatrist, Chief Constable, and Ambulance Service, informing them of the Duly Authorised Officer on duty after office hours.

Medical Practitioners have been informed of this service and asked to contact the Police Department for the name of the Duly Authorised Officer on duty.

### Mental Deficiency

Statistics at the 31st December, 1954:

(a) Cases in Hospitals (including 2 on Licence) ..	150
(During the year 5 patients were admitted, 2 discharged, and 1 died).	
(b) Cases awaiting admission—all of whom have reasonably good home conditions .. .. .	13
(c) Cases under statutory supervision .. .. .	127
(d) Ascertained defectives notified and found “ sub- ject to be dealt with ” .. .. .	6
Disposal : Hospital .. .. .	—
Statutory Supervision .. .. .	4
Voluntary Supervision .. .. .	2
(e) Cases reported during the year and found “ not at present subject to be dealt with ” .. .. .	16
Disposal : Voluntary Supervision .. .. .	16
No action deemed necessary at present .. .. .	—



### **Work in the Community**

At the 31st December, 1954, the total number of cases referred for voluntary supervision was 50. These are referred by Medical Practitioners, Parents, Local Education Authority, and Prison Medical Officers.

#### **General**

When a new case is notified, the Duly Authorised Officer compiles a case history. This is the basis for deciding the degree of urgency for institutional care, or attendance at the Prospect House Occupation Centre, when vacancies occur. Close liaison exists with the Local Education Authority in regard to child defectives. Visits are made to the homes of defectives, and advice given to parents.

Visits made during the year . . . . . 541

In addition many parents were seen at the Mental Health Offices, Shaw Heath.

Supervisory action for licensed cases has continued. This supervision extends to those working in the area belonging to other authorities. The progress reports compiled and forwarded to the respective Medical Superintendents are of assistance to the appointed Visitors in determining whether the licensed case may be discharged from Order.

Supervisory visits to short-licensed cases, requested by Medical Superintendents, are made, and during the period there have been 120 visits.

#### **(d) Prospect House Occupation Centre**

This Centre, which was opened on the 6th March, 1951, is now in its fourth year and during this time has carried out a very useful work.

The intake of new pupils is somewhat restricted as all ages are catered for and there are 29 notified cases awaiting trial at the Centre.

#### **Accommodation**

The approved accommodation is 36. At the 31st December, 1954, 29 males and 12 females were on the Register, the average attendance for the year was 33.84. In addition, 15 males and 14 females, all notified cases, were awaiting a trial in the Centre.

In addition there are approximately 30 un-notified cases which are known to the Department as a result of attendance at Welfare Centres, or through visits to the homes by Health Visitors. These will be notified as the children approach school age.

#### **Meals and Transport**

The School Meals Service continues to provide for each pupil a hot mid-day meal, at which the pupils are instructed in simple table manners. The meals continue to be adequate and of a high nutritional value. Free milk continues to be supplied, being provided to all pupils attending the Centre. The children are away from their homes from about 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays to Fridays inclusive, thus leaving parents free of the supervision of these children during the daytime. Transport is by Corporation bus from selected points.

### **Medical Supervision**

During the year each pupil attending the Centre receives a physical examination, which is carried out by the staff at the School Clinic.

### **Curriculum**

This is framed on simple and elementary lines, the general direction being towards the achievement of clean habits, good manners, physical development, and a knowledge of simple manual occupations.

### **General Activities**

The Annual Christmas Party was a very successful function ; the Mayor, Mayoress, and Members of the Health Committee, together with parents, enjoyed a concert which is now an annual feature at the Centre. Several organisations and individuals provided gifts for the children and these, with the grant from the Committee, enabled each child to receive a suitable present. Articles which were made by the children were displayed.

### **Students**

During the year the last unqualified member of the staff successfully completed the examination for the Diploma of the National Association for Mental Health, and will be awarded her Diploma on attaining the age of 21 years.

The National Association for Mental Health continue to utilise the Centre for practical training for students who are studying for their examination.

### **Inspection**

The annual inspection of the Centre took place on the 3rd December, 1954, and the Ministry of Health Inspector was deeply impressed by all that she saw on her visit.

### **New Occupation Centre**

Ministry of Health approval has been obtained for the erection of a new Occupation Centre and a site has been obtained in the area of Whitelea Drive, Adswood. The policy of the Centre will be one of segregation, namely, of the sexes, of the older pupils from the younger ones, and of those showing special aptitude. The latter type will be catered for in the Industrial section. The erection of this Centre will commence in 1955, and its early completion is looked forward to by all concerned.

### **(e) Ambulance Service**

Ambulances from the Central Ambulance Station are available for the removal of patients as and when required.





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SECTION VIII.

**Prevention of Illness  
Care and After - Care**

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## SECTION VIII

**Prevention of Illness—Care and After-Care.****(a) Health Education**

The Local Health Authority has continued its endeavour to keep the public informed on health matters, and of the preventive measures against disease, with particular emphasis on Vaccination and Immunisation. Posters with a topical interest have been displayed on the Empire Marketing Board Frames situated in different parts of the Borough.

Copies of "Better Health," the official journal of the Central Council for Health Education, have again been distributed to the public through the medium of the Health Department, and Welfare Centres. A booklet entitled "Advice to Mothers and Fathers" has also been made available at the Welfare Centres and the Centres have again been utilised for the display of posters and distribution of leaflets on a variety of topics. Similar publicity has been on display to members of the public visiting the Health Department.

The Exhibition Stand, on loan from the Central Council for Health Education, has been on show at all the Welfare Centres, displaying interesting topics on health matters. The topics are interchangeable and are on loan for approximately three months.

Health Visitors have again assisted in the important field of Health Education, by giving lectures on Mothercraft and Hygiene to senior girls at school. Prizes have been provided by the Local Health Authority for essays submitted in this connection. The Health Visitors have also advised mothers both at the clinics and when visiting their homes.

Talks have been given to selected audiences by the Medical Staff on various subjects, and the Chief Sanitary Inspector has given talks on Food Handling.

The Welfare Centres have been placed at the disposal of the Stockport Voluntary Committee for the conduct of Mothercraft Classes.

The Health Committee has agreed to co-operate with the Manchester Committee on Cancer in extending its present scheme of cancer education. The scheme aims to reduce the number of needless deaths from cancer by reducing the considerable delay on the part of patients before seeking a doctor's advice when certain warning signs occur. Expert speakers will be available free at any time to any club or society that cares to ask.

**(b) Tuberculosis**

The Ministry of Health approved the Stockport scheme for B.C.G. Vaccination of 13 year old children and this commenced on the 15th January, 1954.

The following table gives in detail the response to the scheme :

No. of Schools	No. of 13-year-old children		No. of acceptances	
	<i>Total No. of Children</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Total</i>
21	1,632	462	437	899

This work was commenced on the 15th January, 1954.

Arrangements were put into operation for the carrying out of the recommendations of the Joint Tuberculosis Council for the protection of organised groups of children from the risk of infection by adults suffering from tuberculosis.

Provision was made for the skin testing of children attending at Infant Welfare Centres to commence early in 1954.

All candidates for employment involving close contact with infants and children have had X-ray examination of the chest before appointment.

No person with respiratory tuberculosis is considered for such employment unless and until the disease is certified as arrested, i.e. has been quiescent for two years, with negative sputum in this period.

The Chest Physicians have continued to give B.C.G. Vaccination for the protection of negative re-actors in groups of persons exposed to risk of immediate contact. During the year 107 persons were vaccinated with B.C.G. at the Chest Clinic. B.C.G. Vaccination is also made available for all babies born in St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, and 22 babies were vaccinated there during 1954.

The Medical Research Council are still keeping under medical observation, the children who took part in the trial scheme in connection with B.C.G. vaccine. The facilities of the Welfare Centres have again been made available for the follow-up examinations, and School Nurses have assisted in the completion of follow-up enquiry forms. No further children were vaccinated under this scheme during 1954.

Consideration has also been given during the year to the re-housing of tuberculous families and new housing accommodation has been provided for nine families.

Health Visitors undertake visits to the homes of tuberculosis cases on receipt of notification, and they are also responsible for visiting cases of tuberculosis on discharge from sanatoria. Visits are undertaken at three-monthly intervals in the case of pulmonary tuberculosis, six-monthly intervals in cases of tuberculosis of bones and joints, and yearly



in cases of tuberculosis of the skin. Additional visits are paid in exceptional cases. The Health Visitor also visits homes for the purpose of following-up persons who have been notified after death.

During the year under review, Health Visitors made 119 first visits and 2,351 visits in respect of after-care.

The following table gives the incidence of tuberculosis during recent years, together with particulars of contacts :

	<i>Notifications</i>		<i>Contacts</i>		<i>Number of Contacts Tubercular</i>	<i>Deaths</i>	
	<i>Pul- monary</i>	<i>Non- Pulmonary</i>	<i>Examined</i>	<i>Not Examined</i>		<i>Pul.</i>	<i>Non- Pul.</i>
1951	80	15	147	163	3	40	10
1952	83	13	185	120	5	35	8
1953	98	7	206	97	13	22	4
1954	90	9	405	45	6	12	4

No organised visit of the Mass Miniature Radiography Unit was possible during this year, but Miniature X-ray was carried out in particular groups as required during the year.

During the year arrangements were made for colony care at Barrowmore Hall and Wrenbury Hall and the following table gives details of the cases dealt with during the year :

<i>Patient</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>No. of days</i>
	<i>Wrenbury Hall</i>		
1	1.1.54	15.4.54	105
2	1.1.54	15.4.54	105
3	1.1.54	9.1.54	9
4	1.1.54	5.6.54	156
5	1.1.54	27.3.54	86
6	1.1.54	3.1.54	3
7	12.4.54	2.10.54	174
8	5.7.54	31.12.54	180 *
9	5.7.54	31.12.54	180 *
10	28.6.54	18.9.54	83
11	4.10.54	16.10.54	13
12	20.9.54	31.12.54	103 *
13	11.10.54	31.12.54	82 *
	<i>Barrowmore Hall</i>		
14	1.1.54	31.12.54	365 *

\* Remaining in Colony Care at 31st December, 1954

I am indebted to Dr. E. R. Smith, M.D., D.P.H., Consultant Chest Physician, for the following table :

Return Relating to Stockport Cases at Chest Clinic, 1954.

Number of cases on Clinic Register .. .. .	940
Number of attendances at the Clinic .. .. .	8,948
Number of specimens of sputum examined :	
Negative .. .. .	1,588
Positive .. .. .	86
	———— 1,674

New Cases diagnosed during the year :

								<i>Adults</i>		<i>Children</i>	
								<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
Pulmonary .. .. .								53	40	2	—
Non-Pulmonary .. .. .								1	2	—	—
Number of Contacts examined during the year											405
Number of Contacts found to be Tubercular .. .. .											6
Number of Contacts not submitting to examination											45

Number Mantoux tested :

Mantoux Negative .. .. .	391
Mantoux Positive .. .. .	323
Number of Children vaccinated with B.C.G. .. .. .	107
Home Visits during the year .. .. .	134
Number of Persons recommended for N.A. Grants .. .. .	139
Number of Persons recommended for rehousing .. .. .	17
Number of Persons found employment .. .. .	32
Number of refills performed at Stepping Hill Hospital ..	5,104

## (C) VENEREAL DISEASES

Return relating to Stockport Cases treated at Great Egerton Street during the year 1954.

	Syphilis		Gonorrhoea		Conditions other than Venereal		Totals 1954		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total
Persons under treatment or observation on 1st January 1954.....	52	83	12	6	19	8	83	97	180
Old Cases returned.....	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
New Cases :—									
Syphilis primary.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ secondary.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ latent first year.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ cardio-vascular.....	3	1	—	—	—	—	3	1	4
„ nervous system.....	3	2	—	—	—	—	3	2	5
„ other latent stages.....	3	6	—	—	—	—	3	6	9
„ Congenital.....	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	4
Gonorrhoea.....	—	—	21	2	—	—	21	2	23
Non-Venereal Cases.....	—	—	—	—	160	49	160	49	209
Conditions Undiagnosed at 31/12/54.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cases transferred from other areas.....	1	1	2	—	1	—	4	1	5
Totals.....	12	12	23	2	161	49	196	63	259
Cases discharged after cure....	6	11	20	5	152	44	180	60	40
Defaulters :—									
(a) Syphilis.....	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	4
(b) Gonorrhoea before 3 months.....	—	—	5	2	—	—	5	2	7
(c) Gonorrhoea after 3 months.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number of cases under observation which died :—									
From the Disease.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
From other causes.....	2	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	3
Cases ceasing attendance before completing treatment :—									
Syphilis less than 1 year.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ more than 1 year.....	1	4	—	—	—	—	1	4	5
„ Congenital under 1 year.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ Congenital over 1 year.....	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
Gonorrhoea.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cases transferred to other centres.....	1	2	4	—	3	1	8	3	11
Cases remaining under treatment on 31/12/1954.....	53	76	5	1	25	12	83	89	172
Totals.....	67	97	34	8	180	57	283	162	445
Number of attendances for medical treatment.....	400	813	121	18	517	157	1038	988	2026
Number of attendances for intermediate treatment.....	47	76	5	1	25	12	77	89	166

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During the year 66 visits were made to a total of 35 patients. These visits included visits to alleged sources of infection as well as to patients who have defaulted from treatment or post-treatment observation. As a result, the attendance of 30 patients was secured.



**(d) Mental Illness or Defectiveness**

The Duly Authorised Officers undertake the domiciliary visiting of mental defectives where necessary and follow-up of cases discharged from mental hospitals.

The Local Health Authority provides an Occupation Centre for Mental Defectives, at 70 Derby Road, Heaton Moor. A detailed report of the activities of this centre is to be found on pages 84 and 85.

Details of the domiciliary work carried out by the Mental Health Service are given on pages 82, 83 and 84.

**(e) Other Types of Illness**

Cases notified by Hospital Authorities as being in need of after-care on discharge from hospital have in the main been attended by the Staff of the Home Nursing Service. The Health Visitors and the Domestic Help Service have also given assistance in such cases. To ensure the closest liaison between the family doctors and the Local Health Authority, contact was made with each doctor by the Superintendent Health Visitor during the year.

Informal conversations were held at which the Health Visitor for the district was present. The result of this co-operation has been of great benefit to many patients.

A considerable amount of time has again been devoted to old people in need of care and attention, both by the Home Nursing Service and the Domestic Help Service, and in particular to cases where old people have been found to be living in unsatisfactory conditions and who are unable or unwilling to obtain hospital treatment.

**(f) Provision of Nursing Equipment and Apparatus**

An adequate supply of nursing equipment and apparatus is available at the Nurses' Home, Greek Street. The Voluntary Committee of the Stockport Sick Poor Nursing Association has provided supplies of bed linen, mattresses, bed rests, bed pans, hot water bottles, etc., to meet the needs of persons being nursed in their own homes. This Association has also maintained two mobile Physiotherapy Units, which have operated from the Nurses' Home. Our thanks are due to the Voluntary Committee for their valuable assistance in this work.

**(g) Convalescent Treatment**

During the year these facilities have continued to be utilised by both adults and children. The numbers, however, show a decrease in those for last year. A number of Homes are available, applicants or parents (where children require convalescence) are enabled to apply

for a reduction in the standard charge if financial assistance is required. An assessment is then made in accordance with the Association of Municipal Corporations' recommended scales, and the allowances noted in the National Assistance Act, 1948, and its Amendments, are used.

Recommendations for convalescent treatment are usually made by Medical Practitioners and School Medical Officers.

#### SUMMARY, 1954

##### CHILDREN

Ormerod Home, St. Annes-on-Sea	.. .. .	17
Craig Convalescent Home for Children, Morecambe	..	10
Brentwood Recuperative Home, Marple	.. .. .	4
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Total	..	31
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The normal period for convalescence is two to four weeks. It is customary for a trained nurse to accompany children.

#### SUMMARY, 1954

##### ADULTS

West Hill Convalescent Home, Southport	.. .. .	19
Lear Home of Recovery, West Kirby	.. .. .	1
Men's Convalescent Home, Rhyl..	.. .. .	5
Boarbank Hall, Grange-over-Sands	.. .. .	2
Blackburn & District Home, St. Annes-on-Sea	.. .. .	5
Brentwood Recuperative Home, Marple	.. .. .	1
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Total	..	33
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The usual period of convalescence is two weeks for adults.

Strict control is maintained to prevent applicants abusing the scheme and having an annual holiday at the public expense.

It is a requirement of the Department that the assessment fee should be paid before final arrangements for an applicant's admission to a Convalescent Home are completed.

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SECTION IX.

**Ambulance Services**

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**Ambulance Services****(a) General**

The Ambulance Service has been fully extended and the year shows an increase in the number of patients carried and mileage run. The Radio Communication system established early in 1954 between vehicles and the depot has proved of great value, and it is doubtful whether the service could have been maintained in its present form without it. This installation has resulted in a considerable saving in mileage.

Measures have continued to be taken to reduce any abuse of the service by those who could travel by ordinary transport, and contact has been made with Hospitals to prevent overloading of the service by such patients.

Arrangements continue to be made for long distance cases to be conveyed by train to relieve pressure on the Ambulance Service.

Facilities are available at the Ambulance Depot for the training of Civil Defence Volunteers and this training is undertaken by members of the Ambulance Service.

Of the 27 Driver/Attendants 6 hold the St. John Ambulance and Home Nursing Certificate, and 20 hold the St. John Ambulance Certificate only.

**(b) Vehicles**

The number of journeys undertaken in connection with the transportation of midwives to and from cases was 1,197.

The number of disinfections that were carried out during the year was 263.

**(c) Garages**

A new garage to house one Ambulance is planned for 1955.

**(d) Details of Work Carried out by the Stockport Ambulance Service during 1954**

## GENERAL CASES

	1954	1953
Stockport Residents to/from Stockport .. ..	12,282	11,540
Stockport Residents to/from Manchester and District .. .. .	2,064	2,195
Stockport Residents to/from Outside Districts..	690	496
Cheshire County Residents to/from Stockport ..	1,710	1,619
Cheshire County Residents to/from Manchester and District .. .. .	149	204
Cheshire County Residents to/from Cheshire Districts .. .. .	35	48
Cheshire County Residents to/from Outside Districts .. .. .	107	96

## ACCIDENT CASES

In Stockport Area .. .. .	1,147	1,045
Cheshire County Area .. .. .	162	157

Totals .. 18,346 17,400

The total mileage run by all ambulances during the year was 159,475—of these, 27,937 miles were chargeable to the Cheshire County Council,

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SECTION X.

**Co - ordinating Committee  
for Neglected Children**

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## SECTION X

**Co-ordinating Committee for Neglected Children**

This Committee was formed on the 7th February, 1951 as the result of a recommendation contained in the joint Circular of the Ministries of Health and Education, and the Home Office. The Medical Officer was appointed by the Council as the Designated Officer, i.e. responsible for co-operation between local Statutory and voluntary services.

The composition of the Committee is as follows :

Medical Officer of Health	Director of Education
Welfare Officer	Chief Constable
The Children's Officer	Chief Sanitary Inspector
The Housing Manager	Superintendent Health Visitor
Probation Officer	

and representatives of the under-mentioned organisations :

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	Ministry of Pensions
National Assistance Board	Council of Social Services
Women's Voluntary Services	Marriage Guidance Council
Children's House	Shrewsbury Diocesan Children's Rescue Society

A classification index is used for determining the urgency of the problem in these families :

- A — Constant Supervision
- B — Intermediate „
- C — Supervision from time to time

An analysis of cases under supervision at the year end, compared with December 1953 is shown :

	31st December, 1954	31st December, 1953
A Cases .. ..	24	28
B „ .. ..	21	16
C „ .. ..	4	6
	—	—
	49	50
	—	—

The Committee has continued to meet at monthly intervals during the year, to deal with the main social problems connected with neglected children, and each case comes under constant review.

The high level of co-ordination between officials and voluntary workers which has always been a feature of the activities of this Committee has continued.

The combined knowledge and efforts of the members are used to determine the methods best suited to each case, in an attempt to effect a general improvement in the families which are brought to notice.

Special attention is given to the children of these families, and every effort is made to see that they are adequately clothed and fed,



In this direction the supervisory efforts of the local Inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children are beyond praise, and the Police Clothing Fund and Voluntary Organisations have been of great assistance.

The Housing Committee continues to be most helpful in rehousing cases who are eligible and deserving of consideration, and several families have been rehoused during the year.

Generally speaking, no spectacular results are obtained immediately and improvements come slowly. Only a minority of cases do not respond to advice and assistance but even so, these cases continue to be kept under supervision.

Contact was made with the Family Service Unit during the latter part of the year and it is hoped that a case worker from this body will be allocated to the County Borough area in 1955. Should this materialise it will assist still further the efforts of the Co-ordinating Committee in rehabilitating the problem families.

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